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Hello Commissioners,

Please see the below correspondence received from the public:

First_Name :

Tazheen for MAP 3b

Last_Name :

Nizam

eComment :

Really disappointed to see North County voices were not heard so now we advocate for our AAPI community.

First_Name :

MUSTAFA FOR MAP 3b

Last_Name :

Nizam

eComment :

AAPI

First_Name :

Amy

Last_Name :

Tobia

eComment :

Please support DRAFT MAP 3B when you vote today. It is a balanced approach to keeping core AAPI communities together with Carmel Valley, University City, and UCSD.

First_Name :

Jeanine

Last_Name :

Erikat

eComment :

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ANDREA for Map 3b

Last_Name :

HETHERU

eComment :

I want to thank the Commissioners for their hard work & for listening to the communities during these past few months. I am supporting the scenario 3b.

Spring Valley, Southeast San Diego, Rancho San Diego are diverse, Black and Latino communities that have a shared interest of being together. We share the La Mesa-Spring Valley school district and rely on common transportation corridors like the Orange Line.

Map 3B respects San Diego's Black community, keeping the vast majority of our communities of interest together and increasing our political voice in District 4. Thank you – vote YES.

Map 3b keeps immigrant communities of interest together in one central district and respects East County too. It's a good final compromise – vote yes.

Map 3b fixes the problem from last time. District 4 shouldn't be majority white – that's wrong. Good job – Vote yes.

We agree with commissioner Ponds' proposed amendment. Commissioner Ponds' amendment keeps communities south of the 8 together.

We know that the commission has to make difficult choices. While this is not our preferred map, we ask that the commission support Commissioner Ponds' amendment without any further additions. Black community historically does not have representation & it is time to correct that!

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Samia

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Monsour

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First_Name :

William

Last_Name :

O'Connor

eComment :

I understand here was to be a special meeting today at 10:00AM.

I am a resident of Fallbrook. and would like to keep the local communities together as this has worked so well in the past. This last minute attempted change seems untoward, undemocratic, and a disservice to all the hard work the commission and people of San Diego have done these past many months.

Respectfully, Bill O'Connor, Fallbrook

First_Name :

Bonney

Last_Name :

Waters

eComment :

I am writing due to concern over the redistricting of the Fallbrook community, removing the community from the district of the surrounding North County areas. Fallbrook is part of North County and must remain in the district with our fellow north county communities of Rainbow, Bonsall, and Valley Center united with our nearby tribal lands, as well as the 78 Corridor cities of Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, and Escondido.

Thank you for hearing our concerns.

First_Name :

Ted

Last_Name :

Lacy

eComment :

Please keep Fallbrook in the NORTH COUNTY, San Diego.

First_Name :

Alyce

Last_Name :

Pipkin-Allen

eComment :

Do Not split the Black Southeastern Community. Do Not render our voices irrelevant. To continue down this systemic racist path will be your legacy.. forever!

Email:

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Keith Cruickshank
Resident
Fallbrook 92028

First_Name :

Hope - for draft map 3b

Last_Name :

Nelson

eComment :

Thanks to the Commission for listening to our voices throughout the process. I am supporting the scenario 3b. This draft map will also bring the Black communities back into the BIPOC central district, as well as keeping the AAPI communities in the coastal district.

We are alarmed that after unanimously voting to keep these communities of interest together, the commission is still entertaining ideas to split the AAPI community.

We ask that the commission will not disenfranchise the Black communities by adding SouthEast San Diego, Paradise Hill, Helix, Rancho SD, Spring Valley back into District 4.

Please listen. It is getting late!

Thank You.

First_Name :

Kathleen

Last_Name :

Hedberg

eComment :

Dear Commissioners,

Please leave Mt. Helix in East County. We are unincorporated County and we do not have anything in common with City of San Diego and the Cities to the West. We liked the Map that you had before Map 13A v1. We are East County, rural.

Please DO NOT consider moving Valle de Oro and Spring Valley to the West.

Thank you,

Kathleen Hedberg, PE, MPH

Recently Appointed Valle de Oro Committee Group Member Helix Water District Director Past President of Grossmont-Mt. Helix Improvement Association

First_Name :

Yazen

Last_Name :

Basheer

eComment :

Keep Chaldean Families Together

First_Name :

Chih-Wu Map 3b

Last_Name :

Chang

eComment :

Thank you, commissioners, for your hard work and for trying to create a fair and justice map for the San Diego Communities. I know it isn't easy to please everyone. But, we need to do our best to create a map to address all concerns. We need to have fair representation for all communities.

Under the current map of 3b, black communities are being divided into three districts (1, 2, and 4). As a result, there is no fair representation for black communities. Please put black communities except for La Presa back to D4; otherwise, the black communities would not have adequate representation for another TEN years. Please at least allow them to have proper representation. I know December 15 is the deadline, but we need to do the redistricting right instead of rushing to meet an artificial deadline.

First_Name :

Diana for map 3b

Last_Name :

Aguirre

eComment :

Please support having representation for the Black & AAPI communities. We need to ensure they are represented at the county level as they have not been represented in the past. THIS NEEDS TO CHANGE with this re-districting effort. This can be done by keeping AAPI communities together in the coastal district and the Black communities in the BIPOC central district.

Thanks to the Commission for listening to our voices throughout the process. I am supporting the scenario 3b.

We are alarmed that after unanimously voting to keep us together, the commission is still entertaining ideas to split the AAPI community.

Commissioner Garcia's amendment goes against what we have been asking for and ignores the importance of keeping AAPI communities together with Carmel Valley, University City, and UCSD. Commissioner Garcia's amendment would literally draw a line down the middle of these neighborhoods and divide the AAPI communities.

Additionally, commissioner Garcia's amendment would threaten the integrity of an east county district by including communities east of the 15.

We ask that the commission not divide the AAPI communities.

We ask that the commission will not disenfranchise the Black communities by adding SouthEast San Diego, Paradise Hill, Helix, Rancho SD, Spring Valley back into district 4.

First_Name :

Rana

Last_Name :

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eComment :

Keep Chaldean Families Together

First_Name :

David

Last_Name :

Hall

eComment :

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First_Name :

Engelberto for map 3b

Last_Name :

Macias

eComment :

Hi my name is Engelberto Macias.

I'm commenting to voice my support for map 3b.

I grew up on Boston Avenue - my family lived at Barrio Logan for all of my childhood and currently live in City Heights, but more broadly, my community is all of South County from Barrio Logan/City Heights to the border.

One of the biggest obstacles to having our voices heard, is being in the same district as Point Loma and Coronado. We don't have the same concerns. Even until this past November, we hadn't even had Latino County Supervisor representing us.

Why is there such a disparity in health outcomes, educational outcomes, and the allocation of resources between those two areas?

Our families and communities in South County face the same challenges, environmental racism, discriminatory zoning laws, higher pollution, a legacy of racist redlining and being pushed out of our homes by gentrification --- issues that our communities have not *historically* had the capital or resources to fight to improve our conditions.

I urge the commission to take the interest of Latino/Latine and other BIPOC working-class families
Deserve fair representation. Please vote for map 3b.

First_Name :

Samuel

Last_Name :

Butros

eComment :

I would please like the County of San Diego to keep El Cajon and Rancho San Diego with the East
County District.

First_Name :

Humberto

Last_Name :

Peraza

eComment :

My name is Humberto Peraza and I have lived in Chula Vista for 20 years. I support map 3b. It keeps
our community together and is a fair map. We have had one Latino/a representative on the board of
supervisors since it's inception in 1850. That's in 171 years! Past commissions have used Coronado
and Point Loma and other neighborhoods to weaken and dilute Latino political strength...these are
not the footsteps that any of you should want to follow. Respect the Voting Rights Act and respect
South County's Latino community. Approve our district in Map 3b as is. No Coronado.

First_Name :

John

Last_Name :

Stump

eComment :

I wanted to speak on closed session vote

First_Name :

Dee

Last_Name :

Carter

eComment :

Just follow the \$\$\$\$! Who benefits by moving a clearly NON- EAST COUNTY community to the other
side of SD county? ... and WHY?

More Crooked politics!!! Leave Mira Mesa alone

First_Name :

Jason for map 3b

Last_Name :

Fackler

eComment :

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First_Name :

Rafid

Last_Name :

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eComment :

I Would like to keep El Cajon and Rancho San Diego together in the same area and not be drifted away with another areas it's better for our community to stay together we always need it at any time

First_Name :

Khalida

Last_Name :

Murad

eComment :

Please leave El Cajon and Rancho San Diego in East County, we like to keep our voices and families

together. Thank you

First_Name :

Helena for map 3b

Last_Name :

Aguirre

eComment :

Commissioners - thanks for listening to the community. My concern is the Black community is being split. Our Black communities have not been represented and keeping the communities intact is critical to ensure fair representation the next 10 years. We ask that the commission will not disenfranchise the Black communities by adding SouthEast San Diego, Paradise Hill, Helix, Rancho SD, Spring Valley back into district 4.

Also keep our AAPI communities together and they belong aligned with the coastal district.

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Last_Name :

Khan-Hassan

eComment :

KEEP AAPI AND BLACK COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

First_Name :

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Last_Name :

KHAN

eComment :

KEEP BLACK AND AAPI COMMUNITIES TOGETHER.

First_Name :

Christian

Last_Name :

Konja

eComment :

To the redistricting commission,

I'm a student that works in El Cajon, and I primarily serve the middle eastern population. There's much that has already been written to you, that I don't need to reiterate. As an active voter, the results of this commission will be reflected on carefully when I vote again. Seems to me this is against the diversity, inclusion, and equity values that are espoused. It's an obvious attack to squash the voices of minorities, in order to make all of San Diego homogenous. Most refugees left from tyrannical and authoritarian governments. This is a power play, and will bring back trauma to many who risked their lives seeking true freedom.

Sincerely,

Christian Konja

First_Name :

Erik

Last_Name :

Trogden

eComment :

Hello,

I am a resident of Elfin Forest and I'm the Chair of the Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Fire Safe Council. The map from Thursday accurately reflects the nature of Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove as one community. As a unified community, we face two major threats to our existence: fire, and development. Working with our shared fire protection district (Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District), Harmony Grove residents and Elfin Forest residents work together enhance fire safety within our community. A recent letter from Ernie Cowan, who is not a resident of either Elfin Forest or Harmony Grove, sought to redefine the relationship between Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove, suggesting that they somehow are not one community. Whose interests are served by prying Harmony Grove away from Elfin Forest? Developers. Harmony Grove and Elfin Forest have fought together to defend our rural nature. Our community is fragile/endangered. I encourage you to leave the map as drawn. Any assertion that we are not one community is a manipulation of reality in an attempt to promote financial gain for outside interests.

Thank you for your consideration.

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[Bijan Eftekari](#)

[Fallbrook, CA 92028](#)

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Fraulene

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Briscoe-Stephenson

eComment :

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First_Name :

Dillon

Last_Name :

Marogi

eComment :

DONT SEPERATE US!

First_Name :

Nancy for Map 3b

Last_Name :

Cottingham

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Be fair to all-- support May 3B

First_Name :

Jamillah

Last_Name :

GRANZA

eComment :

KEEP AAPI AND BLACK COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

First_Name :

KAREN

Last_Name :
KOBLENTZ

eComment :
MAP 3B

First_Name :
Kyle

Last_Name :
Matthews

eComment :
Please keep Fallbrook in the same district as Rainbow, Vista and Oceanside. Why would we ever be linked to El Cajon which is at least forty miles away?

First_Name :
Jehoan for map 3b

Last_Name :
Espinoza

eComment :
I live in the city of Chula Vista and support map 3b. It keeps our community together and is a fair map.

First_Name :
SHAHIDA

Last_Name :
KHAN

eComment :
MAP 3B

First_Name :
Dania

Last_Name :
Conde

eComment :
Please keep Mt. Helix as a community of interest intact and support map that includes the community with the western parts of the County, these border urban communities share common interests with our community.

First_Name :
Donovan

Last_Name :

Konja

eComment :

To the redistricting commission,

I'm an employee for NASSCO that works in Supply Chain, and I primarily serve the middle eastern population. There's much that has already been written to you, that I don't need to reiterate. I keep up some with politics. Seems to me this is against the diversity, inclusion, and equity values that are espoused. It's an obvious attack to squash the voices of minorities, in order to make all of San Diego homogenous. Most refugees left from tyrannical and authoritarian governments. This is a power play, and will bring back trauma to many who risked their lives seeking true freedom.

Sincerely

Donovan Konja

First_Name :

Michael

Last_Name :

Griffiths

eComment :

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First_Name :

Kathleen

Last_Name :

Hedberg

eComment :

Dear Commissioners,

I just saw the new maps.

I support going with Final Working Draft Map Scenario 2.

As Commissioner Caterina said, El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, Mt. Helix, Spring Valley together, we are a community of interest and should be together and placed in the East County, Scenario 2 is the ONLY map that reflects our community of interests.

I have lived on Mt. Helix for over 20 years. Past President of the Grossmont-Mt. Helix Improvement Association and we do not have common issues with the City of San Diego and we would be overshadowed and without representation.

Thank you,

Kathleen Hedberg, PE, MPH

I have recently been appointed to the Valle de Oro Planning Group. Despite what you have heard, this Group did NOT discuss this item or take a position on redistricting.

Keep El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, Mt. Helix, Spring Valley together and part of East County.

Thank you,
Kathleen Hedberg, PE, MPH

First_Name :

Hikmat

Last_Name :

Zoura

eComment :

Please keep El Cajon and rancho San Diego in the east county District . Do not split our voices .

First_Name :

Karla

Last_Name :

González

eComment :

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Karla Gonzalez, I am a proud union member of SEIU Local 221. On Thursday, I submitted a public comment, applauding this commission for sticking with the community values that they upheld weeks ago. But I am disheartened to learn that you are now considering undoing weeks of hearings and comments in a matter of hours. This is not right.

10 years ago, incumbents on the board of supervisors passed a gerrymandered map for their political gain that went against the needs of the Latino community by including Coronado and Point Loma in a south county district. This harmed the Latino community's ability to address our needs and silenced our voice for nearly a decade. Furthermore, doubt in the legality of using the ferry route as a contiguous connection is incorrect. The state Senate, Assembly, and Congressional maps all put Coronado with the City of San Diego using the ferry route. This is established law and has no threat on the legality of the map.

I ask that this commission not make the same mistake of putting Coronado in a south county district.

Thank you.

First_Name :

Adele for Map 3B

Last_Name :

Josepho

eComment :

Dear Commission,

Thank you for your work thus far.

My brief but strong request is that you adopt Map 3B. It's the best option for keeping communities together and not engaging in racist splintering of communities. It is also the best option for

promoting the cohesion of coastal communities.

Thanks you,
Adele Josepho for map 3B
Solana Beach

First_Name :
Danielle

Last_Name :
Austin

eComment :
My name is Danielle Austin, I have lived in Mira Mesa for 36 years. Married, raised a family, now retired. I am in opposition to move Mira Mesa from District 3 into District 4. We have much more in common with the urban coastal communities in District 3. A large part of Mira Mesa is included in the San Diego Coastal Zone partially by the fact that the Los Penasquitos watershed includes creeks in our many canyons that drain into the lagoon in Torrey Pines. Mira Mesa expects to add over 8,000 new homes in the near future, and we are currently under advisement from the city to expand our housing/transportation to accommodate this increase, which will make us one of the largest urban communities in the county. We have more in common with the San Diego Coastal urban communities than with the unincorporated east county rural communities. Keeping Mira Mesa in District 3 will best serve our community. Thank you for reading and considering. DA

First_Name :
Marvin

Last_Name :
Attallah

eComment :
Please do not redistrict El
Cajon and keep with Rancho San Diego please

First_Name :
PAMELA

Last_Name :
COE

eComment :
As a 40-year resident of Mt. Helix, I am in favor of the Final Working Map Scenario 2, as it retains our unincorporated community in District 2 while also satisfying the concerns of the El Cajon residents. In addition to common social and economic interests, our unincorporated community shares government, public, educational, and health services with our neighboring areas. Furthermore, we are represented only by our district county supervisor. We have no mayor, city council, or municipal government to advocate on our behalf. As such, it is crucial that we be retained in a district with a large representation of unincorporated communities so that our voices are collectively heard and

our issues addressed. A district comprised of primarily incorporated cities will leave us underserved in terms of allocating our share of critical resources and funding.

First_Name :

Tim

Last_Name :

Macedo

eComment :

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Tim Macedo, I am a proud union member of SEIU Local 221 and I live in the City of Chula Vista. The past gerrymandering of our south county district is a long injustice that has to be corrected. The past incumbents on the board of supervisors intentionally did this to protect their power with disregard to community interests.

Coronado's coastal interests are massively different from the pollution, lack of access to resources, and other issues that plague south county. No matter the population percentages, Coronado is way too different from the rest of south county. That is why I support map 3B.

I ask that this commission not make the same mistake of putting Coronado in a south county district. Thank you.

Tim Macedo

First_Name :

Tara

Last_Name :

Konja

eComment :

I'm a member of the Chaldean community

First_Name :

Karin for Map 3b

Last_Name :

Brennan

eComment :

Hi, and thanks for your work. I am a veteran who is also a long time Carlsbad resident. I am following this because I wanted to see our veteran community along I-78 stay intact. However, at this point, I wanted to also comment that it appears to me that the Ponds amendment – Map Version 3b is the best option for our communities in the south areas in the County.

I know you've heard this, but I want to reiterate that it will keep the AAPI communities (Mira Mesa, RPQ & Convoy) Coastal/District 3 and will add predominantly Black communities back into District 4 (except for La Presa), increasing the Black CVAP to 10.2%. Finally, it will also keep Coronado out of District 1 to help correct the gerrymandering from 10 years ago which has had the effect of diluting South County Latinos voting power. Again, thank you for your efforts and for listening to our voices.

First_Name :

Sophia

Last_Name :

Rodriguez

eComment :

I am submitting an eComment because at the time of this writing Public Comment is still not open.

As a Chula Vista resident, I am in support of Final Working Draft Map Scenario 3B.

First_Name :

Issam

Last_Name :

Konja

eComment :

To the redistricting commission,

I'm a _____student_____that works in ___el cajon_____, and I primarily serve the middle eastern population. There's much that has already been written to you, that I don't need to reiterate. I keep up some with politics. Seems to me this is against the diversity, inclusion, and equity values that are espoused. It's an obvious attack to squash the voices of minorities, in order to make all of San Diego homogenous. Most refugees left from tyrannical and authoritarian governments. This is a power play, and will bring back trauma to many who risked their lives seeking true freedom.

Sincerely

Issam konja

First_Name :

Adele for Map 3B

Last_Name :

Josepho

eComment :

Dear Commission,

Thank you for your service. I request that you adopt Map 3B. It's the best option for keeping communities together and minimizing racist divisions. It also does the best for keeping coastal communities together.

Adele Josepho

Solana Beach

First_Name :

Deborah

Last_Name :

Blackburn

eComment :

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First_Name :

Jesus for map 3b

Last_Name :

Cardenas

eComment :

I live in Chula Vista and support map 3b. It keeps our Latino community in south county together and is a fair map.

Thank you.

First_Name :

Vinh An

Last_Name :

Le

eComment :

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you again for your hard work and efforts these past months listening to the communities. I appreciate the entire commission's dedication, professionalism and consideration.

I'm writing to you again to support Draft Map #3B.

I thank you for keeping Escondido united with San Marcos, Vista and Oceanside along the 78 freeway in Draft Map #3B. I support Draft Map #3B in particular because it also united our Black communities together in a BIPOC Central District and our AAPI communities in a Coastal District.

As a long-time resident of Escondido & North County and a member of the Asian and Vietnamese diaspora communities, I urge the Commission to move forward with Draft Map #3B. Thank you for your time and consideration.

First_Name :

Maria for map 3B

Last_Name :

Mendoza

eComment :

Hello. I'm asking to keep the AAPI communities together in the Coastal district & the Black communities in BIPOC Central district Thanks to the Commission for listening to our voices throughout the process. I am supporting the scenario 3b. This draft map will also bring back the Black communities into the BIPOC central district, as well as keeping the AAPI communities in the coastal district.

We are alarmed that after unanimously voting to keep us together, the commission is still entertaining ideas to split the AAPI community.

Commissioner Garcia's amendment goes against what we have been asking for and ignores the importance of keeping AAPI communities together with Carmel Valley, University City, and UCSD. Commissioner Garcia's amendment would literally draw a line down the middle of these neighborhoods and divide the AAPI communities.

Additionally, commissioner Garcia's amendment would threaten the integrity of an east county district by including communities east of the 15.

We ask that the commission not divide the AAPI communities.

We ask that the commission will not disenfranchise the Black communities by adding SouthEast San Diego, Paradise Hill, Helix, Rancho SD, Spring Valley back into district 4.

Thank you

First_Name :

Rosemary

Last_Name :

Stephenson

eComment :

I am writing to ask that leave Fallbrook as North County! I feel this is important and hope the decision is to leave Fallbrook North County. Thanks

First_Name :

Rudy

Last_Name :

Lopez

eComment :

I live and work in San Ysidro and am an advocate for the predominantly Latino community in the South Bay. I support Map 3B as it keeps our community united. Coronado is not reflective of the historic community that is South Bay. Please respect the Voting Rights Act and respect South County's Latino community. Approve our district in Map 3B as is.

Rudy Lopez

President

San Ysidro School District

Email:

We want to thank the entire IRC for your public service and due diligence through many long meetings. We have the utmost respect and sympathies for the demands of your critical work. We urge you to incorporate the considerations below in your final deliberations today in order to fulfil the ultimate goal of the VRA and guiding principle for redistricting to empower those who have historically been disempowered and systematically been oppressed to have a chance to influence their representatives.

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2. Keep REFUGEE COIs together in D4 w El Cajon as they have greater need to influence their County Supervisor to build a new life here. Chaldeans have had decades to influence their Supervisor and it's obvious they are a socially strong, economically well off community that has built a wonderful life here. NOW it is time to empower newer refugee COIs, that'll continue to grow, that same ability to influence their Supervisor to build toward a strong stability that the Chaldeans now enjoy because they've been able to consolidate to influence public officials.

3. Keep AAPI COI in Coastal D3. Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos, and Convoy (with its low pop., but significant business tie w AAPI) in D3.

4. PARTIALLY or WHOLLY, Clairemont/Mesa into D3 (and/or D2 if necessary for pop.) and Carlsbad (N. County governing lines of healthcare tri-city & water districts, strong N. County identity/ties, airport concerns w D5, transit corridor) into D5. Splitting up these well-off, historically better represented, higher socioeconomic and supported communities is acceptable (since COIs will invariably be split) to allow historically cracked and unsupported communities to influence the great power (>\$6 billion/yr) of County Supervisors. Supporting the most marginalized and lower socioeconomic COIs will have positive social, cultural, economic, health, etc. benefits for all of us.

- Though counsel dismissed Mahan v Howell (1973) that allows significant pop. deviation (16.4% in this case) as to not abridge COI's ability to influence their reps by referring to it as "old case law," there are older laws that rule redistricting and that you utilize. We understand the want of being conservative, but we see the best map to empower the most COIs that have been cracked for our history would best be served with significant pop. deviation and that you'll be able to support since you've been diligent with your transparent recordings and clear, legal reasonings that hold COIs as the primary consideration instead of a disenfranchisingly, legally unnecessarily strict pop. deviation which is part of our current system that divides communities unfairly as to abridge their 15th Amendment and VRA rights. When you crack the most historically marginalized and unsupported COIs (ie. Black and refugee COIs), you crack trust and hope, which greatly impacts the community to organize and vote. If you don't have hope, the most marginalized COIs will continue to not vote and have a voice. You must have some hope to vote.

In Solidarity,

Luca de Sanctis

Community-Centered Design & Politics

First_Name :

Melina for map 3b

Last_Name :

Meza

eComment :

South County's Latino community should be kept together and Coronado is not part of our community – it should be in the Coast. We share school districts, working and middle class concerns and border community priorities - none of that aligns with Coronado.

I vote for map 3b!

First_Name :

Destiny

Last_Name :

Konja

eComment :

To the redistricting commission,

I'm a member of the Chaldean community that works in the El Cajon Community by helping my family's store called Keg N Bottle, and I primarily serve the middle eastern population. There's much that has already been written to you, that I don't need to reiterate. I keep up some with politics. Seems to me this is against the diversity, inclusion, and equity values that are espoused. It's an obvious attack to squash the voices of minorities, in order to make all of San Diego homogenous. Most refugees left from tyrannical and authoritarian governments. This is a power play, and will bring back trauma to many who risked their lives seeking true freedom.

Sincerely

Destiny Konja

First_Name :

Sebastian

Last_Name :

Konja

eComment :

To the redistricting commission,

I'm a Chaldean that studies and lives in East County. There's much that has already been written to you, that I don't need to reiterate. I keep up some with politics. Seems to me this is against the diversity, inclusion, and equity values that are espoused. It's an obvious attack to squash the voices of minorities, in order to make all of San Diego homogenous. Most refugees left from tyrannical and

authoritarian governments. This is a power play, and will bring back trauma to many who risked their lives seeking true freedom.

Sincerely,
Sebastian Konja

First_Name :

Khue

Last_Name :

Tran

eComment :

My name is Khue Tran and I am a member of Asian Solidarity Collective. I am in support and in solidarity with our BIPOC immigrant and refugee Communities.

San Diego totes itself as an inclusive county to visit, but perhaps it should begin with listening to the most marginalized communities that live here as lifelong residents. I urge you to please keep the Black community in Central and Southeast San Diego in the final map. El Cajon MUST stay in District 4.

Our newcomer refugee communities who have been a part of this process over the last six months have been bullied out of the process. I urge you to listen to their months and months of public comment and to use the power you have today to uplift refugee, BIPOC communities of El Cajon, Spring Valley, etc.

El Cajon has been included in District 4 due to months of COI testimony, where you heard directly from low-wage earners, renters, and our newcomer communities advocating to be together with other BIPOC, refugee and immigrant communities.

There are not just Arab communities in El Cajon, but there are Somalis, Ethiopians, Congolese, and Afghan refugees & immigrants as well who have mutual support networks that span to City Heights.

El Cajon is much different from other East County cities, as El Cajon has the highest poverty rates and the largest percent of growth in poverty among East County Cities.

If you remove El Cajon from District 4, you are keeping the status-quo that we have seen in San Diego County for decades. We have seen the effects this has on our communities - they struggle to pay rent, face increased rates of homelessness and poverty, and lack the resources they need for successful resettlement.

San Diego County welcomes more refugees than any other California county, with significant numbers of them resettling in El Cajon, and it is very likely that our region will experience the second largest resettlement of Afghan refugees in the State.

Please do not move forward with propositions to remove El Cajon from District 4. From El Cajon to City Heights, our communities must reunite.

In a time of anti-Asian violence, Asian communities should not be put into white rural areas that do not align with our values. Please do not put Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos and Convoy with communities in east county.

First_Name :

Fady

Last_Name :

Polus

eComment :

Thank you very much for all the hard work and all the effort you are putting into this matter. I want to record my name as a resident of El Cajon and a member of a Chaldean community to keep El Cajon together and do not separate our town and our community. Please keep us together.

#KEEPELCAJONTOGETHER#

First_Name :

Rita

Last_Name :

kiryakos

eComment :

Don't change El Cajon/ this is not fair!!!!

First_Name :

Sam

Last_Name :

Hanna

eComment :

Dear Commission,

I have been in attendance to all the meetings re splitting El Cajon. Following the meetings, I was recently made aware that a group named Pana who is a political group that does not live in El Cajon or East County, has been pushing for the division of El Cajon and this map. I have also been made aware this group is politically motivated to divide the conservative voice and is funded by such groups as BLM and other groups with interests not related to El Cajon. I sincerely don't believe it would be legal or moral to divide Ranch San Diego from East County and Spring Valley based on political underlyings and motivations. I ask that you invest further time and research to understand this group and you will uncover that they do not represent the Chaldean population or any group that lives in El Cajon.

Chaldeans are not refugees – we have nothing in common with the people represented by this PANA political group. This is an attempt to just divide our voices so that they can achieve an agenda that would be destructive to our communities.

First_Name :

Cherry

Last_Name :

Diefenbach

eComment :

I have three quick comments:

1. It was a dumb idea to start a public meeting via zoom and then close the meeting for a private hour and a half plus long session for just the commissioners. Don't know why the private session did not immediately follow the end of the public session. I wonder how much of the public left the meeting after the lengthy private session started and did not participate afterwards.

2. I believe a number of the commissioners have prioritized the input and geographical wants of organized groups like PANA over the the voices of average individual residents. A good example of this is the Chaldeans who have in many cases lived El Cajon which everyone knows is in East County for 30 or more years. The Chaldeans did not partipate in the redistricting process in its early months probably because they thought that East County/El Cajon would remain East County! The East county Chamber of commerce is in El Cajon, and that could certainly be moved. However, the Chaldeans settled in El Cajon because it offered them a safe haven for their culture and religion practices and they have established businesses that are tied to the rural East County. The younger, louder and more diverse members of PANA may demand that El Cajon move to a central district with them, but that would be unfair to the Chaldean community that calls East County their home.

3. Thank you for all the time that you have devoted to the redistricting process. Your willingness to reconsider the potential annexation of El Cajon from Easy County is the right course of action.

Cherry Diefenbach

A concerned East County resident

First_Name :

Ogeen

Last_Name :

Jabbo

eComment :

1. I am a member of the Chaldean Community.

2. Our family goes to school, church and work in El Cajon and east county.

3. We all vote together as a community.

4. Don't separate El Cajon and the rest of east county. This will separate our community and our

voice.

First_Name :

Evan

Last_Name :

Patros

eComment :

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First_Name :

Maysam

Last_Name :

Matti

eComment :

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First_Name :

Michael

Last_Name :

Rudolphsen

eComment :

Mike for map 3b

First_Name :

Noor

Last_Name :

Hillah

eComment :

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Last_Name :

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First_Name :

Staelon

Last_Name :

Rofa

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First_Name :

Michael

Last_Name :

Brackney

eComment :

Please support Map/Scenario 3b to keep API and black-and-brown communities together.

First_Name :

Theresa for map 3B

Last_Name :

Beauchamp

eComment :

IRC Commissioners: thank you for your tireless dedicated service in this arduous process. I urge you to consider map 3B which holds together are most marginalized communities and provides them with strong representation that share their values and interests. Additionally, map 3b honors the coastal corridor community who will serve as a strong guardian of our coastline. Thank you

First_Name :

Roby

Last_Name :

Konja

eComment :

My name is Roby Konja and I am a member of the Chaldean Community and I live at 3012 Ivanhoe Ranch Rd, El Cajon CA 92019. I want to thank the commission for their hard work. I would like to address the fact that while your current draft maps keep many East County communities together such as Lakeside, Alpine, Jamul, Santee, Ramona and Poway. I am surprised that in some of your draft maps El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, and Spring Valley are not and have not been included in East County. Areas such as Lakeside, Ramona, Alpine and Santee have shared economic, social, and cultural interests with El Cajon, Rancho San Diego and Spring Valley and we need to be kept together. We own our businesses in El Cajon, our children go to school in El Cajon, our churches are in El Cajon and we have more in common with East County San Diego than the City of San Diego.

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Thanks,

Natalie

Thank you,

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