

From: COSD, Redistricting
Sent: Saturday, December 11, 2021 6:36 PM
Cc: COSD, Redistricting
Subject: Public Communication

Hello Commissioners,

Please see the below correspondence received from the public:

First_Name :
Mae

Last_Name :
Case

eComment :

Hello, my name is Mae Case and I am with Asian Solidarity Collective. I am in support and in solidarity with our BIPOC immigrant and refugee Communities. I urge you to please keep El Cajon 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.

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Email:

From: John Stump

Subject: Spanish Language Concentrations must be considered and not diluted

Body: Please consider minority language concentrations and not dilute their voting rights

First_Name :
Bonnie

Last_Name :
Kane

eComment :

WE CANNOT STOMACH HAVING THE MT. HELIX AREA TAKEN OUT OF THE DISTRICT WITH MOST OF EAST COUNTY. AS A NEIGHBORHOOD, WE HAVE THE SAME INTERESTS AS EAST COUNTY!

First_Name :
San Diego Housing Coalition support map 3b

Last_Name :

SDHC

eComment :

The San Diego Housing Coalition represents a collective of community voices and organizations, educators, experts, non-profits, lifelong advocates, but more importantly people who have been directly impacted by the housing crisis in San Diego. The San Diego Housing Coalition aims to be a strong advocate for smart neighborhoods that promote homeownership and rental opportunities along with a good quality of life for households of a variety of income levels and putting the needs of our communities first by addressing issues of equity and access, sustainability, and health and wellness.

We believe South County's latino community should be kept together. Please support map 3b

First_Name :

San Diego

Last_Name :

Housing Coalition

eComment :

The San Diego Housing Coalition is advocating to keep the communities along the 78 corridor under the same supervisorial district because inland communities do not share similar interests to the coastal communities which should include harmony grove given its proximity to the 78 and the City of Escondido.

The City of Escondido is adjacent to Harmony Grove and shares a water district, the Rincon-Del Diablo Water District. Further, students from Harmony Grove attend elementary school in the Escondido Union School District and high school in the Escondido Union High School District.

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First_Name :

Travis

Last_Name :

Lyon

eComment :

Please adopt final draft working map scenario 3b with the following changes:

-Move Rancho San Diego to District 2. Rancho San Diego has a significant Chaldean population that needs to be kept with the City of El Cajon. Additionally, that COI has spoken loud and clear about their desire to stay in East County.

-Move Borrego Springs and the surrounding unincorporated area to District 5. That community is very small in population and that community has spoken about the benefits in staying in the North County district and maintain their existing regional and supervisor relationships.

I think other changes are reasonable including moving:

-Coronado to District 1

-La Presa to District 4

-Del Dios and other areas west of I-15 and to District 3.

These additional moves may help improve population deviations.

Thank you.

First_Name :

Sandy

Last_Name :

Konja

eComment :

My name is Sandy Konja and I am a member of the Chaldean Community and I live in 3012 Ivanhoe ranch road 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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Vince

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Hermez

eComment :

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First_Name :

Layla

Last_Name :

Zbinden

eComment :

Hello commissioners, thank you so much for all the time you have put into this conversation.

I am writing to voice my about the district lines being drawn around El Cajon. 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. This is directly because it has been a refugee resettlement hub for all the newest waves of refugees. El Cajon is ethnically and religiously diverse in ways that the rest of east county is not.

There have also been concerns raised by the Chaldeans who have had the economic opportunity to build lives with stability and accumulate wealth in ways that the Syrian, Afghan, Somali and other have not been afforded. The demographics of El Cajon have changed dramatically and no longer politically, culturally, or economically align with the rest of the district.

Please please listen to those who are the most marginalized as it is your ethical responsibility to ensure everyone in this country has access to resources to ascent out of poverty and to ensure that everyone has a voice in representation.

Thank you very much for all of your work.

First_Name :

Kristina

Last_Name :

Mananquil

eComment :

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

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Yazan

Last_Name :

Zahzah

eComment :

As a university lecturer for SDSU who has worked between City Heights and El Cajon for over 4 years, I urge you to keep El Cajon in district 4. I have spent a majority of my academic and professional career researching the experiences of refugees in El Cajon and found that many instances of bullying, physical violence, and other types of harassment go unreported to due to community fear of backlash from officials and people in positions of power. The El Cajon school district has done little to acknowledge the complex position many youth occupy as Muslim refugees, often downplaying or ignoring instances of Islamophobia and xenophobia. Similarly, the county structure as it stands does not have the capacity to meet the disparaging cultural, social, and economic needs of recently arrived refugees in the last 2-10 years. From hate crimes to discrimination, economic development, and so forth, it is just not something the county is prepared for. Conversely, City Heights has spent decades building up an infrastructure to account for the unique needs of refugees. Being the first primary refugee site in San Diego after the Vietnam war, there is a legacy of non profits, city officials, small business, school district leaders, and others who have familiarized themselves extensively with the contrasting needs of refugees still struggling to achieve financial, cultural, and social stability.

Furthermore, a point to note. While many of the Chaldeans who have called in claim they have a shared experience with the Muslim refugees we are talking about when we raise concerns about redistricting, this is simply not the case. A majority of those who are opposed to keeping El Cajon in district 4 are business owners, landlords, local politicians, and so forth. They occupy stable positions of power and often maintain contentious relationships with the refugee community- I myself have helped many refugees try and respond to being questionable treatment from landlords or non profits run by Chaldeans that at times use Islamophobic language in their interactions. It is reductive to assume people from the same countries have similar experiences or shared political interests. Muslim refugees from Iraq and Syria do not have similar experiences to the majority of Chaldeans that run E Cajon- not only are their interests different, they are at odds with one another. The situation in El Cajon is not one of shared "Middle Eastern culture" but is more accurately contextualized as an issue of documentation status, socioeconomic status, and resource support. Other communities, like City Heights, have the means to welcome the refugee communities in ways not currently possible with the county infrastructure.

First_Name :

Peter

Last_Name :

Jibro

eComment :

Hi guys. Everyone please do this asap. And send to your friends. In the message introduce yourself and talk about this:

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David

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First_Name :

Whitney

Last_Name :

Benzian

eComment :

I'm Whitney Benzian, former Coronado Councilman, realtor, and a father on the island.

 support Map 3b and keeping Coronado with the coastal district.

Those coastal areas have much in common with our community in Coronado – our ties to tourism and the hospitality industry, our concerns about short term vacation rentals and coastal issues like water quality, sea-level rise and Marine life. We also have large retired military community like Pt Loma and Pacific Beach.

To our community, it's preferable to link us with the coast via downtown than to be part of South County, which has their own very important priorities that are quite different than Coronado's.

Thank you.

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First_Name :

Miad

Last_Name :

Jibro

eComment :

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First_Name :

Margaret ASC

Last_Name :

Rattanachane

eComment :

I want to thank the Commissioners for their amazing work these past few months. I am with Asian Solidarity Collective and I stand in solidarity with Black, immigrant and refugee communities.

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Milad

Last_Name :

Jibro

eComment :

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First_Name :

Czeska

Last_Name :

Cabuhat

eComment :

I am a volunteer of Asian Solidarity Collective. I urge that 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 especially in a time of heightened anti-Asian violence.

First_Name :

Sandra

Last_Name :

Jibro

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First_Name :

Leila

Last_Name :

Britton

eComment :

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Throughout this week on calls we have heard anger and frustration from certain members of the El Cajon community. These are the members of the community who - while being Arab - harbor deep seeded Islamophobic resentments, politically align themselves with white supremacy ideologically and geographically (as it is well known that certain communities in east county harbor Proud Boys, members of the Klan (they don't call it Klan-tee for fun), and host right wing rallies).

We have seen the direct harm that this climate has done to the newest waves of refugees. They have been assaulted on the streets, bullied in public and private schools, exploited for cheap labor... and right now they are having their voices erased by those who support keeping El Cajon in East County. Those who work intimately with these communities - folks at the Majdal Center where I myself volunteer - work DIRECTLY with families and youths and have been advocating for accountability on behalf of the district without success.

There have been voices here that claim the organization called PANA has been keeping them in the dark: PANA and Majdal have collaborated for years because the refugee communities in El Cajon that we serve are facing the same kinds of struggles as the refugees in City Heights that PANA serves. When Majdal spent months meticulously doing census work in El Cajon, PANA was one of our biggest supporters, and vice versa for the census work they did in City Heights. Both of us have been literally walking the streets of our communities meeting our community members face to face and getting to understand on an intimate level exactly what our people need. If Chaldeans feel like they have been blind sided by these orgs then it is because they do not need to be advocated for politically or economically.

Please have the courage to do the right thing and draw district lines that keep communities together. Especially communities that struggle side by side, who need to be advocated for, and who have not yet had the chance to build stability in their resettlement.

Thank you very much.

First_Name :

Tracy

Last_Name :

Fine

eComment :

Please do not move forward with propositions to remove El Cajon from District 4. From El Cajon to City Heights, our communities must reunite! As a longtime volunteer who has worked with refugee centers in San Diego, including El Cajon, I have come to witness that those who have the most at stake in this conversation struggle to make their needs heard. When the refugees see school districts, city councils, and non profits speak over them or erase their experiences- which has happened to many Syrian, Iraqi, and Afghan refugees in El Cajon- it reinforces the notion that their voices do not matter. Make the wrong right and heed the demands of working class Muslim refugees: Keep El Cajon in district 4!!

First_Name :

Nancy for map 3b

Last_Name :

Relaford

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 back the Black communities into the BIPOC central district, as well as keeping the AAPI communities in the coastal district. AAPI communities (Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos & Convoy) are being proposed to move into the rural areas It is IMPORTANT that AAPI communities cannot be moved out of the Coastal district as that will trigger all the district re-numbering that will create chaos in district 2, 3 & 4.

First_Name :

Maya

Last_Name :

Misra

eComment :

My name is Maya Misra and I am a member of Asian Solidarity Collective. I am writing in support and solidarity with our BIPOC immigrant and refugee communities. I urge you to please keep the Black community in Central and Southeast San Diego in the final map and ensure that El Cajon remains in District 4. Months of COI testimony from low-wage earners and newcomer communities have made it abundantly clear that these communities want to keep their community whole, keeping El Cajon in District 4 so that they may remain together with other BIPOC, refugee and immigrant communities. Additionally, other East County cities have nothing in common with El Cajon, which has the highest poverty rates and the largest percent of growth in poverty among East County Cities. Lumping El Cajon with these other cities will severely increase housing insecurity and devastate much-needed access to resources for resettled refugee communities (including not only Arab communities but also Somali, Ethiopian, Congolese, and Afghan refugees and immigrants) who have strong connections with City Heights. Please use your power to advocate for the rights of these communities, and do NOT move forward with propositions to remove El Cajon from District 4!

First_Name :

Michael

Last_Name :

McDonald

eComment :

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

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First_Name :

El Cajon

Last_Name :

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eComment :

PANA doesn't represent El Cajon.

Agenda-driven groups like PANA need to apologize to all their followers who they used and duped. Their blind believers were told that Chaldeans can't speak English, are poor, only identify as so-called "BIPOC refugees", and are in need of an urban-located Big Brother agency to redirect their lives. All lies! For those who have obviously never been to East County, Chaldeans and other Middle Easterners were welcomed beginning 50 years ago. That's 5 generations worth as a settled Community of Interest in cities such as El Cajon, Santee, Rancho San Diego, and Jamul. Most speak English, have successful businesses, have children who were born in East County, have stayed in East County for the safe and slow lifestyle, honor their culture, love America, and are an undeniable part of the East County COI.

Racial segregation and racial gerrymandering – especially by outside agencies, including this IRC Commission – needs to end.

El Cajon belongs in East County. No compromises, no exceptions.

First_Name :

Nawal

Last_Name :

Zahzah

eComment :

Keep El Cajon in district 4! The last 3 years have seen a rise in both anti-Asian and Islamophobic violence. In East County, there has also been a generalized uptick in white supremacist violence with increased hatred toward immigrants and refugees. This has been taking place beyond the already existing gaps in county resources- school district cultural insensitivity, county official endorsement of white supremacist rallies, non-profit harassment of refugees based on cultural and religious tensions... City Heights and other parts of SD have infrastructures to help protect Muslim refugees from this intensified attack on their daily lives. They are positioned to support refugee communities in El Cajon in a way that can guarantee holistic success as opposed to minimal survival. Keep El Cajon in district 4!

First_Name :

Whitney for map 3b

Last_Name :
Pepper

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 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.

First_Name :
Sammy

Last_Name :
Zbinden

eComment :

KEEP EL CAJON IN DISTRICT 4

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First_Name :
Omar

Last_Name :
Zahzah

eComment :

Keep El Cajon in district 4! Do not listen to the Chaldean community members falsely claiming they understand the plight of newly arrived Muslim refugees because it is an incomplete narrative covering up the reality that many of them are complicit in the violence and harassment that our communities endure. As an Arab educator and researcher whose families fled war, I can understand that many of us- including some Chaldeans- have hard trauma borne out of war and violence. The trauma is legitimate. However siding with Islamophobic policy as a result of it is not. No amount of geopolitical turmoil justifies continuing to erode the agency, autonomy, and collective empowerment of the most precarious and marginalized communities. Vote yes to keep El Cajon in district 4 and vote NO on Islamophobia

First_Name :
Vanessa

Last_Name :

Keeslar

eComment :

I live in North County in the unincorporated community of Fallbrook. Please leave District 5 untouched as you move a map forward. Keep our unincorporated areas like Fallbrook, 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 and please keep North County together as is. Fallbrook is North County.

First_Name :

Mike

Last_Name :

Raffo

eComment :

I am a 30 years Chaldean resident of El Cajon/Rancho San Diego, I am hoping of keeping El Cajon as part of east county as always have been, to keep our community together as always. Thank you

First_Name :

Nadine

Last_Name :

Hassoun

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There have been voices here that claim the organization called PANA has been keeping them in the dark: PANA and Majdal have collaborated for years because the refugee communities in El Cajon that we serve are facing the same kinds of struggles as the refugees in City Heights that PANA serves. When Majdal spent months meticulously doing census work in El Cajon, PANA was one of our biggest supporters, and vice versa for the census work they did in City Heights. Both of us have been literally walking the streets of our communities meeting our community members face to face and getting to understand on an intimate level exactly what our people need. If Chaldeans feel like they have been blind sided by these orgs then it is because they do not need to be advocated for politically or economically.

Please have the courage to do the right thing and draw district lines that keep communities together. Especially communities that struggle side by side, who need to be advocated for, and who have not yet had the chance to build stability in their resettlement.

Thank you very much.

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Yousif

Last_Name :

Patrus

eComment :

Ever since my family and I migrated to the U.S., El Cajon has always been and will always be East County. Please I urge you, along with hundreds of other voices, to not make a change in our district. We are part of a large community that share a great deal of culture and religion.

First_Name :

Lulu

Last_Name :

Khamis

eComment :

Hello please keep El Cajon in District 4.

The new map submitted by the Chaldeans that literally splits El Cajon in half is racist and islamophobic. Chaldeans can sell liquor on black neighborhoods but can't belong to the same district as black people? Chaldeans want to be all about culture and community while at the same time upholding institutional violence against their fellow Arab refugees???

A "wall" through the city is quite literally segregation.

Please put an end to this nonsense and make our communities strongest by keeping El Cajon refugees with the other refugee communities of San Diego.

First_Name :

Leslie

Last_Name :

Quintanilla

eComment :

KEEP EL CAJON IN DISTRICT 4!!!

I went to undergrad and graduate school in San Diego, I have worked in the city for over 10 years. During that time, I have come to watch the experiences of Muslim refugees in El Cajon and observe the harsh reality of the infrastructural lack that exists in the county. It has been tragic to watch community member struggle to get by, youths experience harassment and bullying, all the while feeling ignored by city and county structures. I have witnessed the racial and religious tensions fueled by classism and xenophobia that leave Muslim refugees without access to genuine spaces of support and growth. The white supremacy embodied by white and Chaldean populations is unfortunately commonplace due to the economic landscape of the city- without placing El Cajon in a district that can allow for multi city support in expansion and development of resources for the large and increasing refugee populations, we will inevitably fail our refugees in El Cajon. Opposition to this redistricting is not a matter of life or death for Chaldeans the way it is for newly arrived Muslim refugees- they undeniably have the most at stake. The time is now to allow for business owners and

others to be accountable and play a positive role in the safe and comfortable assimilation of Muslim refugees by partnering with City Heights and other areas.

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Sarah

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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 :

Heba

Last_Name :

Polus

eComment :

As an El Cajon resident and a member of the Chaldean community, I want to ask you Please Keep El Cajon Together,

First_Name :

Yara

Last_Name :

Polus

eComment :

As an El Cajon resident and a member of the Chaldean community, I want to ask you Please Keep El Cajon Together,

First_Name :

Adrian

Last_Name :

Polus

eComment :

As an El Cajon resident and a member of the Chaldean community, I want to ask you Please Keep El Cajon Together,

First_Name :

Alaa

Last_Name :

Polus

eComment :

As an El Cajon resident and a member of the Chaldean community, I want to ask you Please Keep El Cajon Together,

First_Name :

Salwa

Last_Name :

Aboni

eComment :

Hi this is Salwa Aboni I would like you to keep El Cajon in east county with Rancho San Diego and the rest.

First_Name :

Ban

Last_Name :

Arabo

eComment :

I'm a member of the Chaldean community live in El Cajon zip code 92019, please don't separate El Cajon from the rest of the East Community. Keep El Cajon in East county map , Thank you for your consideration,

First_Name :

Nancy

Last_Name :

Heins-Glaser

eComment :

Please leave North County Boundaries and districts alone.

Fallbrook's relationship with North County is longstanding and patterns of community involvement have been that way for many years. Why is a town like Carlsbad able to insert itself into this conversation? Do they want increased numbers of a diverse population for a specific reason. Please keep Fallbrook in North County. The stated purpose for removing Fallbrook speaks of political maneuvering. It does not pass the smell test.

First_Name :

Patricia

Last_Name :

Fillet

eComment :

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First_Name :

Mark

Last_Name :

Roberts

eComment :

I support scenario 3B with new additions. Thank you for all your work specifically with East County.

First_Name :

Dr. Kat

Last_Name :

Donnelly

eComment :

Dear Commissioners,

I live in North County in the unincorporated community of Fallbrook. Please leave District 5 untouched as you move a map forward. Keep our unincorporated areas like Fallbrook, 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 and please keep North County together as is. FALLBROOK IS NORTH COUNTY.

Regeneratively yours,

Dr. Kat A. Donnelly

First_Name :

Melissa

Last_Name :

Moore

eComment :

Please keep North County as is. I live in Fallbrook and it has ALWAYS BEEN NORTH COUNTY. I worry that changing this will create many problems for those of us whose children go to school outside of our town. I teach in Oceanside and my students attend my school. I don't want that to change as it is becoming increasingly difficult for families to get acceptance for inter district transfers. Fallbrook is North County. Please leave it as such.

First_Name :

Mirabelle

Last_Name :

Tolentino

eComment :

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First_Name :

Refat

Last_Name :

Jajo

eComment :

Hello my name is Refat Jajo a member of the Chaldean community and I would like for El Cajon and Ranch San Diego to stay together in east county. Almost all of our community is in that area.

First_Name :

Greg

Last_Name :

Shepherd

eComment :

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First_Name :

Amy for map 3b

Last_Name :

Huie

eComment :

I am an ally who wants to see Black and AAPI communities stay together and not be divided and dismissed. I support map 3b.

First_Name :

Ken

Last_Name :

Fridley

eComment :

It is the desire of Fallbrook community, and mine as a resident of this community, to remain in District 5 in conjunction with the communities of Oceanside, Escondido, Valley Center, Borrego and Tribal Nations. Our histories are linked, as is our combined interests as part of the wildfire urban interface. Please consider this my endorsement of the current 3b redistricting map.

Thank you for your hard work and collaboration in creating district maps representing our communities unique cultures, needs and histories.

First_Name :

Justin

Last_Name :

klopfenstein

eComment :

My name is Justin Klopfenstein and I live in North County San Diego in the community of Fallbrook. I want all the commissioners to know that I strongly oppose any changes to the District 5 map. Please leave our district untouched and approve Option 3B. The 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 are all in North County and should not be added to any other cities or communities to the south.

First_Name :

Lynn

Last_Name :

Sawas

eComment :

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in concern of El Cajon, and why El Cajon MUST stay in District 4. The Chaldean community wants to keep Rancho San Diego and El Cajon together and refugee and immigrant communities want El Cajon and Rancho communities in D4. A common place would be to keep Rancho and El Cajon together and IN D4. This gives both groups parts of what they want.

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.

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 newer refugee communities - they struggle to pay rent, face increased rates of homelessness and poverty, and lack the resources they need for successful resettlement.

Thank you.

First_Name :
Sonya

Last_Name :
Telkoo

eComment :
We are not happy to separate el Cajon county. We like to stay together

First_Name :
Alicia

Last_Name :
Telkoo

eComment :
We don't want East County and El Cajon to split.

First_Name :
Leo for map 3b

Last_Name :
Soto

eComment :
I support keeping the Latinx community together in south county.

First_Name :
rafid

Last_Name :
butrus

eComment :
My name is Rafid Butrus, I live in El cajon California, and I and my family love this city because we it has very nice community of Chaldean, Arabs and Americans. We don't want to separate El cajon from Rancho san diego and make it belong to another city. Please keep our community together.

My best regards
Rafid Butrus

First_Name :

Amanda for map 3b

Last_Name :

Islas

eComment :

Please keep the Latino community in south county together. It's a fair map and will keep my community together

First_Name :

Lizbeth for map3b

Last_Name :

Rivera

eComment :

I live in Chula Vista and it will be a disservice to the Latino community if we don't keep them together Ms please keep them together.

First_Name :

Ban

Last_Name :

Abdulahad

eComment :

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Email:

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Sincerely,

Gregory and Jean Kaput

Fallbrook, CA 92028

First_Name :

Alexa

Last_Name :

Kaplan

eComment :

Please do not move Mira Mesa into the East County District 4. We have more in common and would be better represented by remaining in the Coastal District 3.

First_Name :

Flower

Last_Name :

Alvarez-Lopez

eComment :

Dear IRC,

I have a Solidarity Message with Southeast San Diego- Keep the Black COI together in district 4. Historic Black communities live in Southeast San Diego, Encanto, Lemon Grove, La Mesa, Spring Valley, Paradise Hills, Skyline, Southcrest, Mount Hope, Chollas View, and Lincoln Park. Black communities are one of the most marginalized communities in the nation. The PANA district map best represented their COI in San Diego.

As a North County San Diego lifelong resident- I agree with the Commissioners that are recommending for the Valley Center Fire District to be added in D5. And if possible, to add Borrego Springs. I do appreciate the work done by the IRC around district 5. Commissioner Garcia you did a great job listening to the voices from North County.

First_Name :
Balsam

Last_Name :
Mikha

eComment :

Hello, my name is Balsam Mikha, I'm an American Chaldean resident in El Cajon I urge you commissioners to keep El Cajon and Rancho San Diego together in the same district 2 and also I want to ask the ladies from Magdol group if they can prove or show evidence that Muslim people are bullied here in El Cajon. As a Chaldean we love all people, it doesn't matter if they are Arabic Muslim or any other religion and we do not bully anyone. also El Cajon looks different today because of Chaldean community Build it up over Decades the people who do not live in El Cajon, and Rancho San Diego stay out of our business. please Commissioners reconsider the map and thank you for listening thank you Commissioner Russ.

First_Name :
Pam

Last_Name :
Albergo

eComment :

The public comment was cut off before I could speak. I certainly wanted old map14, but understand that all communities and COIs are having to compromise. I support Map 3b but I would ask you to place El Cajon back into District 4 to protect our BIPOC COI.

Thank you

First_Name :
Reema

Last_Name :
Mansour

eComment :

Hi my name is Reema Mansour. I'm proud Chaldean American who's proud to live in east county.

The Chaldeans are a very special group of people, the same group that was one forced to leave their home in Iraq, was the same group that was forced live in multiple counties is now The same group that still speaks our ancient language. Aramaic The same language that Jesus Christ spoke.
And now only 50,000 of us are left that speak it in east county.

That is something worth fighting for.

This strong group of people support one another, guide one another, and most importantly pray with one another.

I had a great childhood from elementary all the way to college here in East County and now my kids are going to the same schools.

We're building history

It took us 50 years to build a foundation that is known around the world that if you come here you will be SAFE. and it took us 50 years to finally build a HOME away from HOME.

So please don't take what we have left of our culture but instead help us to continue building our future. Thank you

First_Name :

Ramzi

Last_Name :

Am pouls

eComment :

I am a Chaldian membership from El Cajon my comment is to keep El Cajon and Ranch San Diego together. We are here to keep our voice together so our community can be one strong voice. If you divide El Cajon from ranch San Diego Hamoul and Santee la mesa you are dividing the Chaldean votes that is not the domicratic way to go. We came here to the United States so we can live a safe life and make our voices heard.

First_Name :

Kathleen

Last_Name :

Hedberg

eComment :

Good Afternoon Commissioners:

My name is Kathleen Hedberg, I currently reside in the Mount Helix area for over 20 years.

Thursday night, you went into with Mt. Helix in East County. And then you proposed 4 new maps today. The only map that keeps my area in East County is Final Working Draft Map Scenario 2.

If you are going with 3b, that is fine with the adjustment of moving Mt. Helix, Casa de Oro into the East along with Rancho San Diego, this keeps our community of interests together.

We are unincorporated East County.

As Commissioner Caterina and so many other speakers over the months have said, we need to keep our communities of interest together. And that means keeping El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, Casa de Oro, Mt. Helix, in East County. We are common in rural character and culture.

I am a recent appointed member of the Valle de Oro Planning Group. I asked the Planning Group if a position was taken by the Group and they had not. Despite what you may have heard on Thursday, there was no position made or agenda item on the issue. The lack of this input is unfortunate, as it would have clearly showed in a vote that this area belongs in East County along with El Cajon.

I am also, Past President of the Grossmont-Mt. Helix Improvement Association and we did place it on our Board agenda and discussed. We voted to support keeping Mt. Helix East as we are rural and have NOTHING in common with the City of San Diego, or the other Cities.

In fact, if we were placed in their area are issues and concerns would most likely be ignored, as we are such a small portion. We do not have an elected City Council, let us elect our County Supervisor who understands our rural and cultural issues.

Taxation without representation is tyranny.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input and for your time and consideration. Please support Final Working Draft Map Scenario 2.

Thank you,
Kathleen Hedberg, PE, MPH

First_Name :
Dina

Last_Name :
Polus

eComment :

My name is Dina Polus. El Cajon usually votes conservative Republican, yet in the re-districting initiative it seems like this commission relied only on the opinion of far left backed organizations which makes the whole process unfair. As an Iraqi Moslem community leader in El Cajon stated Thursday night, all Iraqi refugee community leaders in El Cajon were not aware of this far left initiative until two weeks ago. Who is responsible for hiding this process from the main communities of interest in El Cajon? Dear commissioners, someone did not give you the right information. If litigation follows after this vote, it does not seem the committee will be able to demonstrate that its process was fair and lawful. Your decision will affect Iraqi refugee families of all religions and races in El Cajon for 10 years and these communities somehow were not included in your supposedly methodical process. Please keep both El Cajon and Rancho San Diego in East County.

First_Name :
Noori

Last_Name :
Barka

eComment :

Hi, my name is _noori barka_____.

It has become very clear that the initiative to divide our community is an agenda of a special interest group using Pana as their face with the goal to diminishing our voice for political reasons.

This became very obvious as our community participated with a strong conservative voice in last election which is making the far left groups going out of their way to divide us either by taking ElCajon or taking Rancho from east county which in either way will divide our community

We ask you to keep our community together and don't be

First_Name :
dored

Last_Name :
Mansour

eComment :

Hi my name is Duraid John Mansour. I'm proud Chaldean American who's proud to live in east county.

The Chaldeans are a very special group of people, the same group that was one forced to leave their home in Iraq, was the same group that was forced live in multiple counties is now The same group that still speaks our ancient language. Aramaic The same language that Jesus Christ spoke.
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First_Name :

David

Last_Name :

Mansour

eComment :

Dear Commissioners, my name is David Mansour. The title of this commission is IRC, Independent Re-Districting Commission. But is it really independent? If it is really independent then why for months did you rely on the opinion and pressure of only far-left special interest groups who do not represent the residents of the City of El Cajon?

How come there is not one Iraqi refugee community leader in this commission?

Your decision will affect the future of our children for 10 years, yet it seems like the advisors of this commission did not make you aware of the rubric of the refugee community in the city of El Cajon. This is injustice being perpetrated on the poor refugee communities of El Cajon. You are better than that. Please keep El Cajon and Rancho San Diego in East County. Thank you for your service

First_Name :

ANDREA

Last_Name :

HETHERU

eComment :

I commend those commissioners who voted for Map 3B--the very large majority of you.

I have followed the deliberations of redistricting commissions of several jurisdictions and I rank this commission at the very top because of its thoroughness, thoughtfulness, and demonstrated commitment to the spirit and history of the Voting Rights Act. That spirit and history aimed for the untethering from the permanent bottom cast of the descendants of those who were ENSLAVED in this nation. As other government sanctioned and systemic forces have kept us tethered to the bottom caste as, we need more government bodies such as this commission.

I know that compromises were necessary to balance other statutory requirements. But, to me, those compromises in no way diminish your sincerity and courage because the correct prioritizations were made.

First_Name :

Nancy

Last_Name :

Relaford

eComment :

Having grown up in East County, I fully expected organized conservative and racial pushback to BIPOC & immigrant empowerment in this process, but I expected it to be from my fellow white folks. I'm sorry to see immigrant

communities pitted against each other and believe that this battle ultimately serves white supremacy against all of our interests. Please recognize and incorporate the very real economic & demographic changes in urban East County that have occurred over the past decades and are expected in the future. PLEASE reverse the commission's last minute decision, and keep map 3b with El Cajon in D4 as decided last week.

Please keep Rancho San Diego and El Cajon together and move them back into D4, and keep AAPI communities together in the Coastal District. Thank you for your hard work, and thanks especially to Commissioner Surban for speaking up for taking the time to hear community voices.

First_Name :

Keith

Last_Name :

Esshaki

eComment :

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your service. It has been stated that this commission followed a methodical process for the last few months. My question to you is this: how did this supposedly methodical process miss getting the feedback from many large communities of interest in El Cajon, such as all the Iraqi Moslem and Christian refugees of all races? Why did your process use feedback and opinions of only far-left democrat party affiliated and backed groups and organizations? It seems like you were given mis-information by far-left special interest groups to dilute and silence the conservative voice in El Cajon City and Rancho San Diego. If the wrong methodology is used, then it is unfair and politically biased. We plead with you to correct the glaring mistakes in the methodology that you followed and keep both El Cajon City and Rancho San Diego in East County.

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El Cajon is the heart of East County. It has become very clear that this initiative to take out El Cajon and Rancho San Diego (which is also mostly in El Cajon) out of East County is the initiative of far left democrat party groups which is why probably your advisors decided to shield you from the main communities of interest in El Cajon so you don't hear their feedback for months. It looks like these far left groups have succeeded in wearing you out for months without giving you the full truth and now you are leaning to making a decision without considering the people of El Cajon and Rancho San Diego whose lives will be severely negatively impacted if El Cajon and Rancho San Diego are separated from East County. If the wrong process was followed, it will make your decision totally unfair, biased, and favoring only far left groups.

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The Chairman of the Commission stated that the Chaldean Community is not united in the desire to keep both El Cajon and Rancho San Diego in East County. There is nothing further from the truth. Of course there might be some Chaldeans who can claim to be leaders but do not represent our values. Please investigate their background before you rely on their opinions and find out which politicians they backed in the last election. You can do simple research by just going on their Facebook page. I can assure you the Iraqi Christian and Moslem communities in El Cajon are overwhelmingly conservative and the people who are giving you wrong advice are far left democrats who are not even 1% of the Iraqi refugee communities in El Cajon. This is their initiative. Please do not fall for it. Please seek the truth. Please do not hurt our families and our children for the next 10 years. Please keep El Cajon and Rancho San Diego in East County

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First_Name :

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eComment :

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First_Name :

Odina

Last_Name :

Kaddo

eComment :

Second step

First Name

Last Name

Email

Phone number

And your comment as

My name is ... YOUR NAME..... I am Chaldean American citizen. I lived in El Cajon for years. I don't agree with dividing our community. Please remain El Cajon and Rancho San Diego as part of East Country.

#Keep_Our_Community_Together

First_Name :

Therese for Map 3b

Last_Name :

Hymer

eComment :

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

Hashim

Last_Name :

Kaddo

eComment :

Second step

First Name

Last Name

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First_Name :

Linda

Last_Name :

Hanna

eComment :

Second step

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First_Name :

Anna

Last_Name :

Hanna

eComment :

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#Keep_Our_Community_Together

First_Name :

Nancy

Last_Name :

Relaford

eComment :

Just to fix my previous comment - I and all other white people are also immigrants here, and immigrants have always been pitted against each other to protect the interests of wealth and white supremacy.

Put El Cajon back in the central district! Thank you.

First_Name :

Yasmeen

Last_Name :

Obeid

eComment :

I am so disappointed. You all have literally ignored the newer refugee communities. We asked for El Cajon and City Heights in one district and you all did not even try to make one final motion to move back El Cajon in D4 and unite El Cajon and Rancho San Diego for the Chaldean community and give the newer community El Cajon and City Heights in one district.

Disappointed in commissioners who chose to stay silent instead of using their seat and voices, when they knew moving El Cajon into D4 was the right move.

First_Name :

Vinh

Last_Name :

Tu

eComment :

We thank the commission for listening to our voices throughout the process in keeping our neighborhoods in Mira Mesa and Rancho Penasquitos together with the coastal community, as reflected in the current draft map 13.version 11.

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

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

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 us.

First_Name :

Lindin

Last_Name :

Brooks

eComment :

Hello Commissioners,

I support Commissioner Brown's input as related to map scenario 3b. I live in the east county. I fully support adding the city of El Cajon to the East County district 2. El Cajon is the gateway to the East County. Rancho San Diego borders Crest/Dehesa planning group, Sycuan Reservation, and Jamul Planning Group. Keeping Rancho San Diego and El Cajon together in the East County makes the most sense for we are one community that shares mostly a semi rural to rural environment and lifestyle but is unique due to its proximity to the more urbanized communities of El Cajon and Rancho San Diego. We share well established K through 12 school districts, bus routes, concerns for future growth which will really have an impact on the folks living in these areas of education, transportation routes, accessible hospital/healthcare, recreational facilities, shopping, fire protection, evacuation routes and so on. I think you have all heard the reasons. It just makes sense due to it's simplicity.

The commissioners heard from many many other East County unincorporated residents that wish these two remain together I also lived in City Heights. Is City Heights the gateway to the East County?

I support scenario 3b except please move Rancho San Diego and El Cajon back into East County as well.

With appreciation,

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My name is Nermeen with MAS PACE. We support draft map 3b as it is the closest and best version for our communities. Mira Mesa, RPQ and Convoy should be in D3 and Spring Valley/Paradise should be part of D4.

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Keep El Cajon together.

Thank you,

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