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Hello Commissioners,

Please see the below correspondence received from the public:

First_Name :

Sunny

Last_Name :

Lee

eComment :

The Organization Committee of the Old Town Chamber of Commerce met this afternoon and would like to request more time to respond to the redistricting recommendations before a vote takes place. The committee is requesting a hold on the vote until the community receives adequate notice and information regarding the recommended changes. The Old Town Chamber of Commerce also requests a presentation from the Redistricting Commission regarding these recommendations.

First_Name :

amir

Last_Name :

habib

eComment :

Good Afternoon. My name is Amir Habib. I am a business owner in El Cajon as well as a resident of Rancho San Diego. I am writing about the proposed redistricting which separates El Cajon from Rancho San Diego. As a member of the Chaldean Community personally affected by these proposed changes, I am concerned that the ability we have gained in making our voices heard is being negated. We all work together to ensure our community is safe and thriving. The proposed split to these two communities is telling the Chaldean community that their efforts to improve San Diego as a whole are unappreciated. WE all work, live, celebrate, and even vote together. We bring money into the city and, as a result deserve to have our opinions heard.

Please Don't make us powerless. Thank you.

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eComment :

Good afternoon. I would like to thank the commission for all of their hard work to attempt to reach a resolution with regards to moving El Cajon out of East County. There was some progress made. However, to separate El Cajon and Rancho San Diego into differing districts is defeating the purpose. What we were asking for is to not split the Chaldean Community. The Chaldean Community is El Cajon AND Rancho San Diego. This community has always worked together, and, as a result, have made great strides in so far as having our voices heard through our elected officials. By separating the two, the commission is again silencing those voices by diminishing the impact of our votes. Thank you for your time.

Hello,

The Old Town Chamber of Commerce would like to submit this letter in response to the redistricting initiative. Please see attached.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Sunny Lee

Executive Director

Old Town San Diego

Chamber of Commerce

Attachment: County Redistricting Letter. pdf

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eComment :

We don't want to divide

First_Name :

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eComment :

I do not want this to happen because it affects my family and me personally, and that all the medical centers are in the city of El Kahun. Everything about me is in El Kahun. I hope you will listen to our voices and change your opinion quickly. Thank you

First_Name :

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eComment :

To all the respected brothers and sisters in the group of Iraqis and Iraqis in Sandiego
In the place designated for that 4 to 1 numbers from Khasno I hope everyone click on the link below
Taksim Matthew City of the Cuneiform will face great danger if it is not
Your participation is evidence of your awareness and concern for your beautiful city of El Kahun
Their beliefs and their sects' sects reject this call, which is for all Iraqis
In this beautiful, warm region that reminds us of the poisonous Baghdad, constructive efforts have
been revived that worked hard to unite the sons of it, as if it were more than fifty years ago.
And weakening their voice in the next elections. Those who complete leave a picture in the
comments, like the picture there is, and everyone revives the division of priests, a despicable
mistake to divide sons who will enter a lottery and five winners will be chosen tomorrow
my love to all
Your sister, Mai Pols

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/redistricting/IRCecomment.html>

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

and talk about this:

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.

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eComment :

We Don't like El Cajon to be divided, no to dividing el Cajon

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eComment :

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eComment :

I refuse to separate the city of El Cajon from the cities of Rango San Diego, Santi and the rest of the areas east of the province

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eComment :

Lord help us

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eComment :

I do not agree with you

December 9, 2021

Mr. David Bame

Chair, San Diego County Independent Redistricting Committee

RE: THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE FOR HARMONY GROVE TO REMAIN IN "NORTH COUNTY"

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Ernie Cowan. As a long-time resident and former Mayor of the City of Escondido, I have a unique appreciation and pride for what constitutes complementary land uses in and around the center of North County.

Regarding the communities of Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove, it's important to note that nearly 80% of the 2,689 Elfin Forest-Harmony Grove residents live in Harmony Grove.

With this background, I offer a few comments, which come from understanding the actual lived experience and governmental operations perspective:

- There is STRONG rationale for working to ensure that Harmony Grove REMAINS in a "North County" Supervisorial District.
 - Harmony Grove is literally surrounded by the borders of San Marcos and Escondido. There is NO rationale to make this location inappropriately vie for the governance attention of residents in more affluent, coastal/beach settings. Harmony Grove would have NO voice in this case.
 - Harmony Grove going to a COASTAL district is UNACCEPTABLE.
 - The perfect compromise between the two areas is simple, placing these communities in the North County Supervisor District.
 - Harmony Grove is a literal extension of the City of Escondido.

The two places share a border.

Two of Harmony Grove's most important public services are provided by special districts that are shared with Escondido:

- * Public Education: Escondido Elementary School District and Escondido High School District

- * Water and Sewer: Rincon Del Diablo Municipal Water District (Escondido)

Retail, Employment and Major Transportation linkages are located in Escondido, within two miles of Harmony Grove. If you as a Harmony Grove resident where they live, the answer you get will be "Escondido."

Elfin Forest is five (5) miles to the west of Harmony Grove. The two places are separated by a range of hills that peak at an elevation of over 1,700 feet (Mt. Whitney).

- It is important that the Commission hear from, and seriously consider ALL relevant voices when making such a crucial governance decision as the one before you today. Please get this decision right: Harmony Grove is a North County location.

In watching these proceedings, I have noticed that the Commission has received SEVERAL written letters advocating this same position for Harmony Grove, including:

- The Escondido Unified School District (2)
- Rincon Del Diablo Municipal Water District
- The City of Escondido Deputy Mayor
- Palomar Health
- The North County Economic Development Corporation
- Various Local Residents

At the very least, the Commission should consider separating the two communities and allow Harmony Grove to be placed correctly in the North County Supervisorial District.

In closing, I thank you for your service in working towards the most equitable solutions to this important aspect of quality of life for all our residents—fair, representative governance.

The ask is simple and straightforward:

Place Elfin Forest-Harmony Grove in the North County Supervisorial District.

Respectfully

Ernie Cowan
Escondido

Attachments:

Harmony Grove Map

Letter from Christi Knight, Trustee, Escondido High School District

Letter from Dane White, Trustee, Escondido High School District

Voicemail from Kris Krushak at 10:17am, Saturday 12/12/21:

I live in North County unincorporated community of Fallbrook. Please leave district 5 untouched as you move map forward, keep unincorporated areas like Fallbrook in district 5.

Thank you,

COSD Redistricting Staff

San Diego County Independent Redistricting Commission

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Old Town San Diego Chamber of Commerce

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December 14, 2021

Dear San Diego County Redistricting Commission,

The Organization Committee of the Old Town Chamber of Commerce met this afternoon and would like to request more time to respond to the redistricting recommendations before a vote takes place. The committee is requesting a hold on the vote until the community receives adequate notice and information regarding the recommended changes. The Old Town Chamber of Commerce also requests a presentation from the Redistricting Commission regarding these recommendations.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

SUNNY LEE

Sunny Lee
Executive Director
Old Town San Diego Chamber of Commerce

Mr. David Bame
Chair, San Diego County Redistricting Commission

TO: Chair Bame and Commissioners

Support Map 13a v.1-6 and include Harmony Grove in the same Supervisor District as the Escondido High School District.

I am Dane White, a Trustee with the Escondido Union High School District and a resident of the City of Escondido. I write as an individual, but one who cares deeply about our local high schools, my city and for North County more broadly.

I write in support of including Escondido in the North County Supervisor District and also one that includes important unincorporated communities of North County such as Valley Center, Bonsall, Fallbrook and Rainbow. Additionally, I urge you to include the Tribal Reservations of North County in the Supervisor District.

Maintaining the traditional character of North County as both urban and rural, coastal and inland, is important to those of us who live in North County. The Map 13a v1-6 is the best option to do that and I urge you adopt that map.

Regarding the Escondido Union High School District, we educate students in five high schools and an adult school. The district enrollment is more than 7,500 students, with an additional 6,500 students in our Adult Education classes. Our district is the City of Escondido and some of the surrounding unincorporated communities.

To ensure that our high school district remains within a single Supervisor District, I ask that you also maintain Harmony Grove in the same district as the balance of our high school district. The Harmony Grove community is immediately adjacent to the City of Escondido and residents there share many common community concerns as those in the incorporated city.

I recognize the difficulty of drafting maps for a county as large and diverse as San Diego County, and I appreciate all of your hard work.

Thank you,
Dane White

Trustee, Escondido Union High School District

“Truth will ultimately prevail where pains are taken to bring it to light” - George Washington

November 30, 2021

Dear Chair Bame and Members of the Commission:

My name is Christi Knight and I am submitting this letter as an individual and resident of Escondido. I am an elected Board Member of the Escondido Union High School District where I have served since 2013. I am the incoming Chair of the Board for 2022.

Escondido Union High School District has five high schools and an adult school. We currently serve nearly 8,000 students between the five high schools and another 6,500 individuals are enrolled in our Adult Education classes.

In reviewing the latest maps released by the Commission, I noticed that the unincorporated community of Harmony Grove Village is in a different Supervisorial District on some of the maps and separated from the vast majority of our district. Given the large and concentrated student population of the Harmony Grove Village community, I ask that you make every effort to keep that neighborhood in the same Supervisorial District as the rest of the Escondido Union High School District.

Our school district encompasses the City of Escondido and large portions of unincorporated Escondido. Historically, our school district has been represented by one County Supervisor. However, the Harmony Grove Village neighborhood that is located in the western part of our district appears to be in a separate Supervisorial District on some of the draft maps.

The boundaries of the City of Escondido are approximately one-half mile from the Harmony Grove Village community. The students and families of the Harmony Grove Village attend school, play sports, do their shopping and many other activities within the City of Escondido. Our school district maintains a close working relationship with the County of San Diego. Thus, having one Supervisor to represent the needs of the families in our district is most preferable.

From my perspective, placing Harmony Grove Village in the district that contains virtually all of the Escondido Union High School District is the most cohesive and makes the most sense. Splitting off Harmony Grove Village into a coastal Supervisorial District will further separate that community from Escondido which is not in the best interest of our students and families.

Thank you for your hard work on the Redistricting Commission for the County of San Diego and I am thankful for your thoughtful consideration of my request.

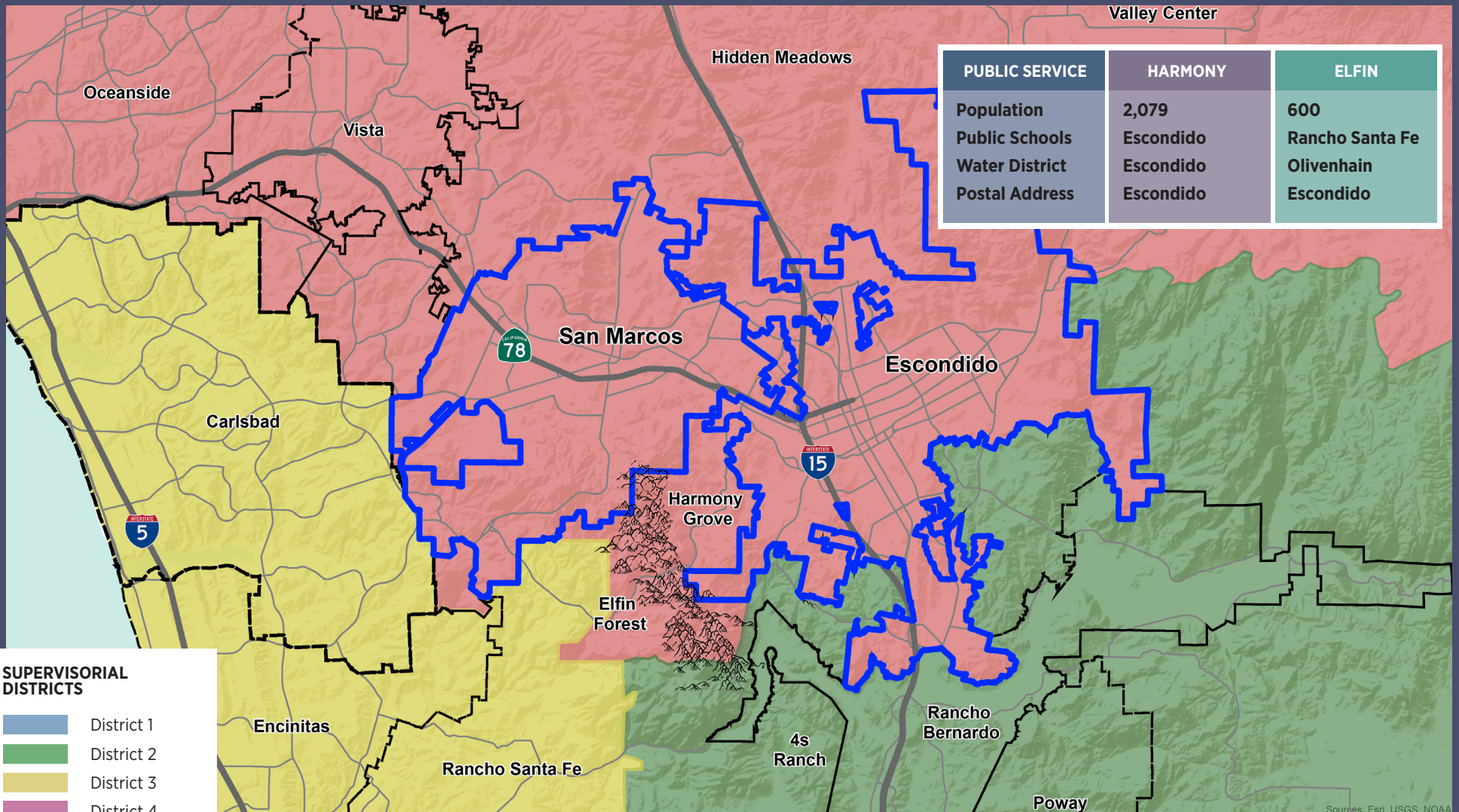
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christi Knight". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christi Knight

HARMONY GROVE-ELFIN FOREST: MUST BE “NORTH COUNTY”

“Coastal” Is Inappropriate



SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5

CITY BOUNDARIES

- San Marcos and Escondido

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
FINAL WORKING DRAFT MAP - 12/3/2021 MEETING