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Dear Commissioners:

My name is Jean-Huy & I am an organizer with the Center on Policy Initiatives.

I am also standing in front of you as an AAPI community member of Vietnamese heritage, as a member of the LGBTQ community with queer identity, and as an immigrant who migrated to the US in 1990 like many Vietnamese folks whose families were torn apart in the aftermath of the Vietnam War. We left everything in our motherland to come here & now I have called San Diego my home for almost 30 years.

For months, as part of our mission to empower working families in San Diego, CPI convened conversations on County Redistricting with community organizations & stakeholders across the county. You can see at the meeting with me there are folks coming from all over the county: Oceanside, Vista, Carlsbad, Escondido, Encinitas, Hillcrest, North Park, Barrio Logan, City Heights, Chula Vista, Mira Mesa, Linda Vista, La Mesa, El Cajon, Paradise Hills, Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, and more. The diversity of identities of the folks we work with in our Communities Together Coalition include Black, Latino, AAPI, LGBTQ, refugee, immigrant, white, and folks from rural as well as urban areas.

We started this work, encouraging folks to advocate for their communities, but also asking them to think about how all of our communities are connected with each other and how we could be part of a redistricting process that fairly represented the diversity of this County. We convened conversations with the hopes of finding options that would balance what each of us think is best for our communities as well as for all of our communities as a whole.

Over the past few months, you've heard from hundreds of community members who agree that the way to do this is by:

Keeping the Cities along the 78 together. Keeping South County Latino communities together. Keeping the AAPI communities together. Keeping Central County BIPOC communities together. And keeping the LGBTQ communities together. While it is not perfect, the commission's draft Map 14 best addresses these concerns.

Draft map 13a even with all the commission's proposed changes still splits AAPI communities by lumping Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos and Miramar with rural areas that are fundamentally different. Draft map 13a would deny the newly created central county BIPOC + LGBTQ corridor the opportunity to elect representation in 2022. Draft 13a will create an East County district that will be represented by a Supervisor who does not have a history of connection with the rural communities of East County. In other words, draft map 13 creates chaos and limits representations for exactly the kinds of historically marginalized groups fair districting is supposed to lift up and protect.

We know this is NOT the Commission's goal. We understand that you're trying to find a way to make everyone happy. You are doing hard work & we thank you for volunteering your time and energy to do this.

If you are looking for an imperfect but best-case solution, draft map 14 has the support of

representatives from diverse communities who have come together to try to find agreement. We know that not everyone will be happy at the end of the process, in fact many of us will be a little unhappy. But, we also recognize that we live and work together, and draft map 14 is a map we can accept together, because draft map 14 will keep all of our communities together.

Thanks,

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