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Our family has been residents of Elfin Forest/ Harmony Grove [EF/EV] since 1991 (30+ years). WE moved here, built our home here and raised our family here because we wanted a rural community. The fact that this 'community' stretches from San Marcos to Escondido and includes Elfin Forest, Harmony Grove and Eden Valley makes us unique. We're the last of its kind, a rural community that is truly united in our values of conservation, open space, independence, horses and other large animals as well as maintaining a rural environment. From Elfin Forest to Harmony Grove to Eden Valley, we socialize together, we hold fundraisers together, work on our trails together and even have an annual 4th of July parade – together. We fight battles together and help each other out in a time of need. We welcome each and every new member of our community with open arms. We're represented by one Town Council and one Planning Group. We've fought fires together for decades, manned our own volunteer fire station and have advocated for preserving this small community over the years. Splitting us up would not serve our interests and would destroy the fabric of our community.

I strongly oppose our community being split apart which seems to be coming from those who have no connection to our community. I also strongly oppose being lumped into an east county district. We have no association with east county. We have been associated with the city of San Marcos, Escondido, Encinitas, Olivenhain and Rancho Santa Fe for decades and our links are longstanding. Whether we are put in a coastal district or a north county district, we do not want to be placed in East County with which we have absolutely no connection and do not share the same values.

Thanks for your consideration.

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