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*To whom it may concern,*

*Please don't separate Harmony Grove, Eden Valley and Elfin Forest. We are a longstanding rural northwest county community. We are not East County.*

*As a longtime resident of Elfin Forest, I consider myself part of a united rural community that stretches from San Marcos to Escondido and includes Elfin Forest, Harmony Grove and Eden Valley. We're the last of its kind, a rural community that is united in our values of conservation, open space, independence, large animal keeping and maintaining a rural environment. From Elfin Forest to Harmony Grove to Eden Valley, we socialize together, fight battles together and help each other out in a time of need. 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 could destroy our community.*

*I strongly oppose our community being split apart which seems to only come from folks 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.*

*Thanks for your consideration.*

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