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Please review the attached letter from Palomar Health CEO, Diane Hansen.

Thank you!

**Kristin Gaspar**

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David Bame  
Chair, San Diego County Independent  
Redistricting Commission

Dear Chairman Bame and Commission Members,

The origins of Palomar Health traces back to 1933 when two compassionate women established a hospital to serve the small farming community of Escondido. Using their own money, the women bought an egg and poultry plant and converted it into a 13-bed hospital. From its modest roots, Palomar Health has grown to become a centerpiece in North County for nearly 90 years.

Today, Palomar Health:

- Is the largest public healthcare district in California, as well as being home to North San Diego County's only designated trauma center.
- Serves communities in an 800-square-mile area, with the trauma center covering more than 2,200 square miles of North San Diego and Riverside Counties.
- Operates the state-of-the-art Palomar Medical Center Escondido—an 11-story full service facility strategically placed between the incorporated cities of San Marcos and Escondido, and the unincorporated area of Harmony Grove.
- Operates Palomar Medical Center Poway--a 124-bed acute-care facility. The campus also features, Villa Pomerado, a nationally recognized skilled nursing facility.

As you are nearing the conclusion of your redistricting process, please bear in mind that North County has a distinct identity as a sub region of San Diego that has developed over decades. North County spans many different cities and unincorporated areas but it operates as one community interconnected by transit, common government agencies, health care providers and employers. Together, North County should be recognized as a “community of interest” in the mapping process. To the extent feasible, please consider maintaining the integrity of a unified North County.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important issue. Please know Palomar Health stands poised to meet the needs of a growing community by providing industry-leading health care close to home.

Respectfully,

Diane Hansen, CEO  
Palomar Health

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