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Please see the public comment letter below and attached from Mayor Terry Gaasterland on behalf of the City of Del Mar for today's Independent Redistricting Commission public hearing.

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San Diego County Independent Redistricting Commission
Submitted Via E-Mail

Re: City of Del Mar Comments for Consideration Regarding Mapping Options

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- School Districts: Del Mar community students attend the same schools as students in neighboring North County coastal communities and in Carmel Valley and environs to the south via the San Dieguito Union High School District which serves South Carlsbad, Encinitas, Rancho Santa Fe, Fairbanks Ranch, Solana Beach, Del Mar, and Carmel Valley. The Del Mar Union School District (DMUSD) provides elementary school service

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- Emergency Services: The cities of Del Mar, Solana Beach and Encinitas cooperate on emergency services and would benefit from being in a single County Supervisorial District as shown in Map 13A v.1-6, including fire management services through a cooperative services agreement and inclusion in CSA-17 ambulance services. The communities of Del Mar, Encinitas and Solana Beach also contract with the San Diego County Sheriff Department for law enforcement services, which operate out of the North Coastal Sheriff substation located in Encinitas. The Sheriff substation also assists these communities with homeless services supporting the homeless community that resides in the North County coastal area.
- Economics: Del Mar shares financial and commerce interests with the North County coastal communities and area represented in the purple district in Map 13A v.1-6 such as financial needs, tax rates, property values, sales and use tax, and grant application opportunities. The Del Mar community's commerce activities are generally oriented towards the neighboring northern and eastern areas and to nearby Carmel Valley and environs to the south included in the purple district in Map 13A v.1-6.
- Employment: By grouping the North County coastal communities together along with the University of California at San Diego (UCSD), Scripps Institute of Oceanography, Scripps Research Institute, Sandford Burnham, and the other important entities engaged in biomedical technology research and development centered on the Torrey Pines Mesa, Map 13A v.1-6 promotes continuity for the many members of the Del Mar community who work in this area.

For the very important reasons identified above, the City of Del Mar respectfully requests that the IRC adopt Map 13A v. 1-6. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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