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Hello My name is Thomas Meram and I am a member of the Chaldean Community and I live in El Cajon I want to thank the commission for their hard work. I would like to address the fact that while your current draft maps keep many East County communities together such as Lakeside, Alpine, Jamul, Santee, Ramona and Poway. I am surprised that in some of your draft maps El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, and Spring Valley are not and have not been included in East County. Areas such as Lakeside, Ramona, Alpine and Santee have shared economic, social, and cultural interests with El Cajon, Rancho San Diego and Spring Valley and we need to be kept together. We own our businesses in El Cajon, our children go to school in El Cajon, our churches are in El Cajon and we have more in common with East County San Diego than the City of San Diego.

Best Regards,
Thomas Meram

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