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> Agenda Item 8

> My name is Veanna Asmar and I am a member of the Chaldean Community and also happen to live in El Cajon. I have lived in El Cajon for 18 years.

> I want to thank the commission for their hard work but would like to address the fact that while many of your current draft maps keep many East County communities together such as Lakeside, Alpine, Jamul, Santee, and Ramona. All of the current draft maps remove the City of El Cajon from Rancho San Diego and Spring Valley. El Cajon has 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 moving forward. I strongly object to any re-districting for the following reasons:

> 1 There has not been a significant change in our population in current district 2 since the last census. So why divide us now?

> 2 These maps divide the Chaldean community voice who share the same values as others in East County.

> 3 Map 14 doesn't make sense geographically based on where East County is located.

> 4 We don't share the same values as Hillcrest and Northpark where in most maps the City of El Cajon, I understand, will be grouped with.

> 5 We don't want El Cajon to become a dumping ground of homelessness or sexually violent predators and want our supervisor to understand these issues.

> I highly urge you to please reconsider and keep El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, Spring Valley, and other East County communities together moving forward. Thank you for your time and consideration.

> Veanna Asmar