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Dear commissioners,

My name is Aude Ruffing and I am a staff member of PANA. Thank you for incorporating the PANA map into multiple iterations of the draft maps and considering our communities.

I work closely with refugee and immigrant communities county-wide, and there are clear shared interests between residents of City Heights, La Mesa, Lemon Grove El Cajon, Paradise Hills, Spring Valley and Rancho San Diego, such as increased affordable housing, transportation services,

and their mutual support networks, stretching from City Heights to El Cajon, must be reflected in a single supervisorial district to ensure that their shared needs are addressed, as federal funding for refugees is allocated by the county.

San Diego County welcomes more refugees than any other California county. And the County determines allocation of resettlement funding. Therefore, refugees have a vested and critical interest in direct representation in county government so that they have a voice in shaping policies that will lead to welcoming and successful resettlement. This is more critical than ever given this particular moment in the world. It is very likely that our region will experience the second largest resettlement of Afghan refugees in the State.

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