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To the PANA group: this is not your personal utopia “to reimagine” the city of San Diego. These are real people’s lives who are negatively affected by segregation of East County cities such as El Cajon. PANA Civic Engagement Organizer Nancy Nguyen says, “City Heights is mainly comprised of renters, English language learners, and large families, and many prioritize increased affordable housing, English as Second Language services, public transportation, and education access.” Guess what? That’s very different than El Cajon! El Cajon is not mostly renters, is not seeking major numbers of affordable (hi-density urban) housing, and as far as public transit, does not have a major need like City Heights does. Many of the former refugees in El Cajon have already learned English and have opened thriving businesses all over East County, such as in Santee and Jamul, and of course, El Cajon. They are equal in their East County identity as any native, and do not deserve to be segregated because you wish “to reimagine” their lives. There also are plenty of decent schools already in El Cajon for children, higher learners, and adult vocational. In fact, El Cajon has also always been linked with Santee and Spring Valley in terms of schools districts such as Grossmont Union. The El Cajon Courthouse serves as the local courthouse for all of East County, not for people of City Heights who are mostly likely going to head to the San Diego Central Courthouse.

Apparently, you don’t see yourself as you said - “in community” with places like La Mesa, El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, and Spring Valley like you think you do. I know City Heights very well and it is a totally different area than El Cajon with totally different needs. I also find it interesting that you don’t find crime that exists in said urban area to be a concern, considering that there was an alleged gun threat near 38th and Redwood on December 1, 2021. That alleged crime might be the only real link between El Cajon and City Heights since the armed driver from City Heights lead police on a high speed chase headed towards El Cajon where he damaged a gas station.

If you don’t see yourself, as you said -“in community with Santee, Alpine and Lakeside”, than you and your comrades won’t ever see yourselves in community with places like La Mesa, El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, and Spring Valley because these areas are inextricably linked to the rest of East County by specific shared interests, and your concerns are obviously very different than the residents of all these areas.

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