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I want to thank the Commissioners for their hard work & for listening to the communities during these past few months. My name is Myleen Abuan, I am a proud member of SEIU Local 221 and I am a part of the Communities Together Coalition supporting draft map 14, as it keeps communities together & will make San Diego County stronger. I am a Filipina and I am very proud of our neighborhoods' AAPI identity and history but we I'm also concerned about issues specific to our community – small business and hate crimes. It doesn't make sense to lump us together with rural East County. Some of our communities (like Carmel Valley) are even parts of coastal North County where there are a whole different set of issues and concerns. Map 13a draws a line down the middle of our community, separating neighborhoods like Mira Mesa and Rancho Penasquitos from important AAPI cultural and employment centers such as Convoy St and University City. It has been disappointing to hear commissioners solely look at percentages to determine what is best for our community.

It's very important to us that our district unite all of the AAPI communities of interest possible in the city so we have the biggest voice. That includes Rancho Penasquitos, Mira Mesa, Carmel Valley, Miramar, Kearny Mesa, and all the way to Linda Vista. At a time when record levels of hate crimes are being committed against Asian Americans throughout the county, we need to have a united voice to have effective representation.

Draft map 14 has the support of representatives from diverse communities who have come together to try to find agreement. This map will serve all of our community of interests, including:

AAPI in the coastal district
the BIPOC & LGBTQ communities in the central district
uniting the cities along the 78 freeway
rural communities of interest in East county
respects the Voting Rights Act for the South County's Latino community.

Draft map 14 is a map that we can accept together because it will keep all of our communities together.

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