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As a member of a family who farms citrus and avocado since the 1930s I understand the importance of effective support for agriculture by the County Board of Supervisors. In turn, those Supervisors need the support of constituents who appreciate the needs and circumstances affecting our work and our contribution to local communities and economy.

San Diego County has three distinct agricultural Communities of Interest (COI) and the updated maps must ensure that these COIs are properly represented. The three agricultural COIs are as follows:

North Inland Agricultural COI: The North Inland agricultural COI includes the communities of: Escondido, San Pasqual Valley, Valley Center, Rincon, Bonsall, Fallbrook, Pala, Pauma Valley, Rainbow, and Temecula/Temecula Valley Wine Country. East County Agricultural COI: The East County agricultural COI includes the communities of: Poway, Ramona, SD Country Estates, Julian, Santee, Winter Gardens, El Cajon, Jamul, Alpine, Descanso, Pine Valley and everything east/south east of there to the county borders. North Coastal Agricultural COI: The North Coastal agricultural COI includes the communities of: Carlsbad, Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, and Camp Pendleton.

Map 13A V. 1-6 seems reasonable for the most part, but it would make more sense if El Cajon remained a part of East County. Areas such as Lakeside, Ramona, Alpine, Santee and Jamul have shared economic, social and cultural interests with El Cajon and must be kept together.

It is imperative the revised maps do not split unincorporated communities, agricultural communities or special districts, school districts and water districts covering rural areas. Agricultural communities are historically underrepresented in local decision making and the agricultural COIs require adequate representation in government decision making.

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