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Please see attached letter from Council Member Morasco.



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David Bame, Chair
San Diego County Independent Redistricting Commission
Via Electronic Mail - redistricting@sdcounty.ca.gov

RE: Placement of Escondido and Harmony Grove Village in the same Supervisor District

Dear Chairman Bame and Commission Members.

My name is Michael Morasco and I have served on the Escondido City Council since 2010 and am currently the City's Deputy Mayor.

My Council District, number 4, comprises the southern and southwestern portion of the City.

As you may know, the City of Escondido, is adjacent to well-populated unincorporated communities. Notably, the community of Harmony Grove Village immediately adjoins my council district, on the southwestern side of the City. The Harmony Grove area is approximately one-half mile from the city boundary.

Escondido and Harmony Grove Village share a number of important public agencies, including the Escondido Union School District, the Escondido Union High School District and the Rincon Del Dios Water District.

Additionally, Harmony Grove is the Regional Mobility Hub in Escondido, a SANDAG designated transportation center. Harmony Grove Village is also designated formally as a "Village" in the San Diego County General Plan, assuring that future growth is likely to occur in the community.

Inasmuch as Harmony Grove Village is, like Escondido, an Inland community and not part of the "coastal" region, I urge the Commission to place Harmony Grove Village in the same Supervisor District as my City.

Ensuring regional coordination and providing public services in an equitable manner is more likely when like communities are placed in the same Supervisor District. Escondido and Harmony Grove Village share many common concerns and I ask the Commission to consider that when adopting the district maps.

Sincerely

Michael K. Morasco Deputy Mayor