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I have been a resident of San Diego County for over 46 years. The mapping proposed by the Redistricting Commission fails to account for the three distinct Agricultural Communities of Interest (COI) located within the County of San Diego and must be updated to ensure these COIs are properly represented and not divided by new district boundaries. It is imperative the revised maps do not split unincorporated communities, agricultural communities or special districts and school districts covering rural areas. These communities are historically underrepresented in local decision making although they account for over \$1.8 billion in direct economic output in San Diego County. To ensure adequate of representation of the rural/agricultural communities I support draft map version 13a v1-6.

For the past 17 years I have lived in Deerhorn Valley, an unincorporated community in southeastern San Diego County. Deerhorn Valley is located within the East County Agricultural Community of Interest (COI) which also includes the communities of: Poway, Ramona, SD Country Estates, Julian, Santee, Winter Gardens, El Cajon, Jamul, Alpine, Descanso, Pine Valley and the communities farther east/southeast to the county borders.

San Diego County's two other Agricultural Communities of Interest include:

- 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.
- North Coastal Agricultural COI includes the communities of: Carlsbad, Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, and Camp Pendleton.

According to the 2020 County of San Diego Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures Agriculture Production report, "the direct economic output from agricultural production totaled \$1,810,326,411", an increase of \$15 million over 2019. Agriculture products include ornamental trees and shrubs, nursery and cut flower products, fruit and nut crops, vegetable and vine crops, apiary products, livestock and poultry and field crops. The County ranks #1 in California for the number of certified organic producers.

San Diego County's agricultural communities practice "sustainable agriculture which promotes the economic viability of agriculture while preserving natural resources and the environment".

The San Diego County Farm Bureau, which support the 5,700 farms, reports "San Diego far surpasses its fellow top producing counties in terms of average dollar value per acre with an agricultural production".

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