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As you deliberate on redistricting due to the 2020 census data, I believe there are certain community characteristics that should be recognized, honored, and preserved, San Diego County has many broad all-encompassing communities such as Central San Diego, South Bay, Coastal San Diego, and East County. Each of these regions are communities of interest that have unique attributes, challenges, and priorities.

I am going to focus on my area Coastal San Diego County. When we incorporated the City of Encinitas, we worked alongside our neighbors in Solana Beach. They too were attempting to incorporate and were cognizant of the common coastal issues we shared. When I testified before LAFCO, I stressed the need to unify the Coastal towns of Encinitas, Cardiff by the Sea and Leucadia (and independently Solana Beach). Unification of the north coastal region, an area with common interests, goals, and challenges, was achieved as LAFCO agreed with us and the coastal regions were unified. Based on this work standing up for Encinitas and the unification of the North Coastal region, the voters also agreed, and I was elected to the first Encinitas City Council.

Coastal San Diego County is a unique and unified community. We serve people and communities better when districts are clearly defined. This leads to increasing people's confidence that governmental officials are looking out for them and their communities.

Coastal San Diegans deserve a representative on the Board of Supervisors who will champion their environmental priorities, including ocean protection, lagoon restoration, coastal rail improvement, and protection from sea level rise and beach and bluff erosion. Coastal communities also face unique challenges and opportunities around affordable housing, tourism, short-term vacation rental, and transportation.

Encinitas is closely tied—socially, culturally, and economically—to the coastal communities to its south, including Solana Beach, Del Mar, and even La Jolla. The ideal coastal district would stretch from Encinitas to Point Loma. Our coastal communities have shared concerns and interests that are distinct and deserve representation.

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