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My name is Dyno,

I am an Asian American. I am a resident of National City, but I work in District 1 and South County.

I am a Teaching Artist and have taught all throughout San Diego and specifically in South County - I work with a lot of youth from elementary, middle and high schools and I meet families who live in this area - from South Bay, National City, and Barrio Logan. Many of the children and families come from working class backgrounds. The community is very connected and often gather in parks, community centers and school assemblies - prior to the pandemic. There is a strong presence among generations of families and community gatherings. Many of the parents support their children and show up for celebrations after their work. Many families have multiple jobs and have older children who caretake for their younger siblings. There is also a strong presence of culture and cultural traditions in the communities. Many of the families rely on community care and mutual aid in addition to government assistance. The students also face many challenges and lack of resources for health and safety. Police presence is strong in the communities, however safety is even more of a concern amongst BIPOC communities. We need our communities to stay together as they share challenges, issues, traditions and needs. We are advocating to keep Point Loma and Coronado separated as the interests and needs of the community greatly contrast the needs of impacted communities.

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