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To Whom It May Concern,

San Diego County needs a Route 78 Corridor Supervisorial District. It is our hope that the county's newly-established independent Redistricting Commission will ensure this need is met.

Following the most recent 2010 census, a backroom deal split apart the Route 78 Corridor in order to satisfy the whims of politicians who were drawing the lines. Subsequently, voters created an independent commission to ensure that districts would reflect the needs of communities, not politicians.

What exactly is the Route 78 Corridor and why should it be at the center of a Supervisorial District? Those of us who live along the Route 78 Corridor know intuitively that the cities of Escondido, San Marcos, Vista, Carlsbad, and Oceanside share an identity, an economy, and a transportation network. The Route 78 Corridor defines a dynamic, economic subregion of San Diego. It is State Route 78 itself that allows us to move back and forth from Escondido to Oceanside for shopping, schools, entertainment, and work.

The 5 cities along the 78 – Escondido, San Marcos, Vista, Carlsbad and Oceanside – comprise approximately one-fifth of the county's population, the appropriate size for a Supervisorial District. Joining these communities into one Route 78 Corridor Supervisorial District will strengthen the ability of each of them to address vital public issues.

Chief among these issues, of course, is transportation. We all fight traffic on the 78, and many of us use the Sprinter. Equally important is protecting air quality, preserving open space, and improving our quality of life. For each of these issues – and many more – the people who live along the Route 78 Corridor, on the basis of geography and community, share the requisite commonality of interest to be part of the same Supervisorial District.

Ten years ago, Escondido was separated from the other cities along the Route 78 Corridor and put in a District with parts of Mission Valley. Splitting a city for the benefit of politicians is a disservice to its citizens; communities of interest deserve to be represented together, and the City of Escondido is no exception. At the same time, Carlsbad and Oceanside were drawn into a District with Borrego Springs. Lumping disparate communities together disservices their unique needs and challenges.

Those maps of the 2010 census were drawn by politicians to benefit politicians. This time, we have community members drawing maps that will, hopefully, benefit communities.

Signed,

Rachel Parks, Carlsbad

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