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My name is Cynthia "CK" Suero-Gabler and I was home grown in the South Bay, specifically in south San Diego near San Ysidro, and was a long-time resident of the South Bay for over 40-years.

I implore the commission to draw a South County Border District that upholds the Voting Rights Act, which would include all of San Diego's border communities from San Ysidro across the international border. Everyone deserves their voices to be heard, including those who have family and jobs on both sides of the border. We need a district along the border that strengthens economic development and cultural connections, and meets the needs that only having a South County Border District can fulfill.

For years we have shared many of the same needs on both sides of the border and face many of the same challenges; whether it is a desire for a higher standard quality of life, education, or the COVID-19 pandemic and a desire for clean and sustainable environment, we are the same. Yet interestingly enough, we have only had one Latinx Supervisor representing as recently as this last November. Working families in the South Bay deserve better than this! They deserve to have a representative who knows and understands their needs. We live in times where children have been ripped away from their mother's arms, put in cages, only to be unable to reunite with their families. In these tragic times, representation absolutely matters!

Although some neighborhoods may be close in proximity, they are also very different. Growing up south of the 54 freeway, or even south of the 8 freeway is a completely different experience than north of the 8 freeway, let alone west such as Point Loma. The South Bay area is rich in beautiful Latino/a/x diversity and culture, and should have a district that recognizes and celebrates, along with County representation that understands that.

Again, I implore you to please draw a South County Border District that upholds the Voting Rights Act. We need district that celebrates and values Latino/a/x representation! I have confidence that as Commissioners you will choose to do the right thing by supporting a Latino/a/x empowerment district.

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