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Via E-mail [redistricting@sdcounty.ca.gov]
County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission

Dear County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission,

My name is Marlene Best, and I serve as the City Manager of the City of Santee. I am writing to provide input regarding the San Diego County redistricting process as it relates to the recently-developed 204-acre master-planned Weston community here in Santee.

The Weston community is located along the western boundary of Santee, bordering the City of San Diego. In 2015, the property on which the Weston community is located was detached from the City of San Diego and annexed into the City of Santee. As a result, the community currently sits divided between San Diego County Supervisorial Districts 2 and 3, with the majority of the community in District 3, and only a small portion in District 2. District 2 covers all of Santee except the portion of the Weston community that currently sits in District 3, while District 3 covers territory in San Diego, Escondido, and Encinitas.

I'm writing to encourage you, as part of the current redistricting process, to adjust the boundaries of Districts 2 and 3 to ensure that the entire Weston community is located in District 2 along with the rest of Santee. Weston community members are Santee residents, and part of the Santee community of interest. For example, Weston community members share the same school districts (Santee School District and Grossmont Union High School District), and experience the same traffic impacts as other Santee residents, and should be included with their neighbors in District 2 in order to ensure fair and effective representation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Marlene D. Best

City Manager

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