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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Dalal, I'm in high school and I have been a resident of El Cajon for 1 year. I spend a significant amount of my time at Malalsham and Majdal Center on E Main St. My family frequently visits the grocery shops there as well. Our community has shared languages, cultural practices, food, and common goals for our children and families. I often speak Arabic with my community. We are immigrants, refugees, or children of immigrants refugees. El Cajon is mainly comprised of renters, English language learners, and large families, and many prioritize affordable housing/English as Second Language services/public transportation/education access. I define my community in El Cajon by these general boundaries: Bostonia to the North, Granite Hills to the East, Rancho San Diego to the South, and La Mesa to the West. Some community landmarks are as follows (pick a couple or include your own): Bill Wells Park, El Cajon Promenade, East Main Street, ICSD East County.

I am writing to you today to emphasize the importance of keeping El Cajon united in one district, as well as including San Diego refugee communities together in a single Supervisorial district. As a newcomer community, the majority of us speak a primary language other than English at home, and are limited English proficient. El Cajon has historically seen high numbers of refugee resettlement, relying on strong community networks for mutual aid and support. I see myself in community with City Heights, Lemon Grove, La Mesa, La Presa, Rancho San Diego, Granite Hills, Bostonia, Paradise Hills, Spring Valley, and Encanto and Skyline communities. El Cajon must remain united in a single District and be included with other refugee communities throughout the county to ensure that our shared needs as BIPOC refugees and immigrants, such as affordable housing, equitable transportation access, and English Language Services, are adequately addressed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,
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