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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Maya Misra and I am a member of Asian Solidarity Collective. I am a San Diego resident with many close friends and community in City Heights. I work on 43rd Street and often visit Yohed Coffee on University Ave, the City Heights Library and park, and the Saturday farmer's market on Wightman. We are a beautiful community with shared languages, cultural practices, food, and common goals for children and families. City Heights is mainly comprised of immigrant and refugee communities, renters, English language learners, and large families, and many prioritize affordable housing and public transportation, as well as support for small, immigrant-run businesses. I define my community in City Heights by these general boundaries: El Cajon Blvd to the north, 54th Street to the east, Interstate 805 to the west, and CA-94 to the south. Some community landmarks include: Colina Del Sol Park, Yohed Coffee, The Community College Mid-City Adult Learning Center, The Brown Building, and the City Heights Library and the park and playground next to it.

I am writing to you today to emphasize the importance of keeping City Heights united in one district, as well as including San Diego refugee communities together in a single Supervisorial district. The refugee community in City Heights experiences high rates of hidden homelessness, with families doubling up in the same home to afford rent. As a newcomer community, the majority of us speak a primary language other than English at home and at work, and have limited English proficiency. City Heights has historically seen high numbers of refugee resettlement, relying on strong community networks for mutual aid and support. I see myself in community with Lemon Grove, La Mesa, El Cajon, La Presa, Rancho San Diego, Paradise Hills, Spring Valley, and Encanto and Skyline communities, and we define our COI as BIPOC, Immigrant & Refugee. City Heights 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,
Maya Misra

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