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Hi, my name is Stacey. I'm a member of Asian Solidarity Collective and the Filipino-American community in San Diego. I spend a significant amount of my time in City Heights and frequently travel to El Cajon Blvd and Fairmount Ave within my community. Our community has shared languages, cultural practices, food, and common goals for our children and families. We are immigrants, refugees, or children of immigrants refugees. City Heights 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 (pick a couple and include your own community characteristics). 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 are as follows: Huy Ky Bakery, Northgate Market, The Community College Mid-City Adult Learning Center, 50th street and University, Oak Park Elementary School, the City Heights library, Saigon Restaurant, etc.

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 are limited English proficient. 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.

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