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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Phuong Vuong and I am with Asian Solidarity Collective. I have been a resident of San Diego for almost two years. I live in La Jolla but work in City Heights. I spend a significant amount of my time at Vietnamese shops on El Cajon Blvd and frequently travel to University Ave and Fairmont within my community. Our community has shared languages, cultural practices, food, and common goals for our children and families. I often speak Vietnamese with my community and we celebrate Vietnamese holidays together. 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, multi-lingual services, public transportation, and educational access. 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 (pick a couple or include your own): The City Heights Tower, Colina Del Sol Park, The Community College Mid-City Adult Learning Center, 50th street and University, Oak Park Elementary School, the City Heights library, Ali's Chicken & Waffles, 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. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Phuong

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