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My name is Michael McDonald and I am a member of Asian Solidarity Collective and a resident of District 4 . My community consists of mid-town neighborhoods including Normal Heights, North Park, University Heights and Hillcrest, but I grew up in District 3 and visit family there and in District 5 often.

I urge you to draw district lines that respect API San Diegans' communities of interest and empower our community. Many of San Diego's API residents and businesses are centered in the neighborhoods of Mira Mesa, Sorrento Valley, Kearny Mesa, the Convoy St commercial corridor, Miramar and Rancho Penasquitos.

Every community deserves a voice in County Government, and it's time the Supervisor district lines reflect the rapid growth and unique priorities of San Diego's API community.

Our community has never had a representative on the Board of Supervisors and many of our neighborhoods have been split between numerous districts over the years.

In the City of San Diego, there has been great progress at empowering API communities both in 2011 and this year's redistricting. The County should take a similar approach.

Much of this area is included in the current District 3, but should be united more completely under the new district lines. It's certainly not acceptable to take us backwards.

While our community has great diversity, we share many challenges that underscore the importance of keeping our community of interest whole. Rising home prices in this rapidly growing area. Struggles of small and family owned businesses to recover and rise out of COVID. Rising anti-Asian racism and discrimination. A long history of under representation in local government.

Our API community of interest is compact and contiguous and can easily be kept together as a whole in numerous district alignments, either in the current District 3 or new district lines.

Please honor the API community of interest and maximize our ability to have our voices heard in San Diego County Government.

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