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My name is Makhfira Abdullahi and I have been a resident of Paradise Hills, San Diego for 19 years. I live on Montcliff Road and my siblings and I have attended local schools within the area such as Bell Middle School and Morse High School. I spend a significant amount of my time at the Paradise Hills Community Park, Skyline Hill's Library, and the Bay Terraces Shopping center and frequently travel to streets such as Paradise and Skyline Hills within my community. Our community has shared languages, cultural practices, food, and common goals for our families, children, and community members. Given the diversity of our area, the languages of Spanish, Tagalong, Oromo, and Somali are often spoken within my community, as we also celebrate events and holidays together. We are immigrants, refugees, or children of immigrants and refugees. Southeast San Diego 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, and overall, general resources that tend to be deprived within our communities. I define my community in Southeast San Diego by these general boundaries: Interstate 805 to the west and CA-54 to the south, Some community landmarks are as follows: The corner of Imperial and Euclid Avenue, Lincoln High School, Morse High School, Malcolm X Library, O'Farrell Park, Skyline Library, Martin Luther King Park, MTS Trolley Center on Market Street, Paradise Valley Hospital, and the Paradise Hills Community Park.

I am writing to you today to emphasize the importance of keeping Southeast San Diego 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. Southeast San Diego has historically seen high numbers of refugee resettlement, relying on strong community networks for mutual aid and support. I see myself in a community with City Heights, La Mesa, Rancho San Diego, El Cajon, Granite Hills, Bostonia, Spring Valley, and Encanto/Skyline/Lemon Grove, and we define our COI as BIPOC, Immigrant & Refugee. Southeast San Diego must be united in a single District and share the same district 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,  
Makhfira Abdullahi

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