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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Basem Obeid and I am a Muslim-Arab. I am part of Majdal: The Arab Community Center of San Diego. I am writing to urge you to keep El Cajon and City Heights in the same district.

I am also concerned about District 4, the proposed BIPOC district. In the Final Working Draft Map, the Black community of interest is completely fractured into three separate districts by removing Paradise Hills, Spring Valley, and Rancho San Diego out of District 4. By swapping these areas for Clairemont Mesas, you are depriving the Black community of their voice and the decades-long need for Black representation in San Diego county. District 4 is not currently a BIPOC empowerment district. The Black community has intentionally and continuously been marginalized and divided.

The current proposed map for District 4 dilutes the Black community voice, as the Black CVAP is decreased from 11% to 9.1%. Additionally, the district is not currently a BIPOC majority, with a White CVAP of 52.8% in District 4. As San Diego County's first Independent Redistricting Commission, this is your opportunity to redraw the lines in a way that empowers the Black community of interest in District 4. There has been no public comment asking for the areas of Clairemont Mesa, Linda Vista, and Mission Valley to be included in District 4; however, there have been months of public input asking for the commission to keep City Heights, Paradise Hills, Spring Valley, La Mesa, and El Cajon together in a single supervisorial district to empower BIPOC communities.

By putting the Clairemont Mesas into District 4, you are diluting the AAPI voice. Please listen to months of participation and keep Clairemont in the Coastal District 3.

Please utilize your unique opportunity to uplift the Black community of interest by including Paradise Hills and Spring Valley in District 4 for the final version of the map. The Black community in San Diego is disproportionately impacted by

criminalization, displacement due to increased housing costs, gentrification, deportations, islamophobia, and structural racism, and their needs have for far too long gone unaddressed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,
Basem Obeid

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