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From: John Elliott [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 10:52 AM
To: COSD, Redistricting
Subject: [External] SD County Redistricting - Ramona, CA

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

My name is John Elliott and my family and I have been residents of Ramona for more than 20 years. We moved to this community to raise our children in a more rural atmosphere than our previous home in La Mesa. During our time here, we have been very involved in the community. My kids attended Ramona schools from kindergarten through 12th grade; I have coached youth sports and served as an assistant Scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts where my son earned the rank of Eagle Scout; and my wife, Juli, has served as chairwoman of the Ramona Relay for Life fundraiser for cancer research for three years. I list these things merely to demonstrate our commitment to the community of Ramona.

As you review options for redistricting, I want to make my voice heard as someone with ties to the community that are based on the shared values of our unique geography, culture, and economy rather than any political party. Ramona is a very conservative town and while my own family's political views are not aligned with the majority of our fellow Ramonans, the values we share as members of this community are completely aligned. As you review redistricting options, I urge you to please consider the historical, social, cultural, and economic ties that Ramona has with Poway, Lakeside, El Cajon, and Alpine and keep these communities within the same district. I worry that aligning Ramona in any other way will not serve the constituents who live in these communities.

Thank you for the good work you are doing on behalf of the citizens of this county and others in Southern California. I'm sure it is often a challenging exercise, but please know that your efforts are appreciated.

Best regards,

John Elliott

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