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On behalf of the Filipino American Cultural Organization (FACO), we write to express our support for Map 13A. The Filipino American Cultural Organization of North San Diego County had its first community meeting on September 9, 1976, beginning as a social gathering whose mission was to preserve Filipino cultural customs and traditions, including Filipino food, music, dance, history, and language, but also as a support group. FACO currently has over 500 + families, from throughout North County.

Every year, we hold several cultural events, which draw thousands of people. In addition to educating the region about the Filipino community, we recognize the successes and leadership of our members, in the arts, sciences, education, medical field, and military. We have a strong presence in Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, Fallbrook, Camp Pendleton, and Escondido. We work with other A/API communities in the region, as well as other minority groups, to make our voices heard.

We have contributed much to the development of North San Diego County, District 5, with a significant positive impact in the medical field, as doctors and nurses in local hospitals and medical facilities, as well as many, many local business entrepreneurs. We have a strong sense of patriotism, with many in our leadership having served in the military, trained at Camp Pendleton, with several generations enlisting within families.

We urge the Members of the Commission to recognize the Filipino American community in District 5 as a community of interest to be protected by the Voting Rights Act, by adopting Map 13A as your base map, to be refined based on feedback from residents in other districts. Please do not split/dilute our community into different districts.

Thank you!
Dori D. Harris, President
Filipino American Cultural Organization (FACO)

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