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Hello Commissioners,

I spoke at today's hearing and did my best for adhere to 1 minute, so I wanted to ensure that my thoughts and comments were fully captured.

My name is Crystal Irving and I am a resident of San Diego and I'm here today to speak for so many of us who want to see fair, equitable redistricting that respects all our communities.

I've been a strong supporter of Map 14 and I still am. Here's why:

It empowers San Diego's Black community with a new central district that unites historic and emerging Black communities.

This a community I'm proud to be a part of – and it really should include all of Southeast San Diego together with Spring Valley and Lemon Grove.

We're connected through culture, community, faith and shared priorities.

We're certainly connected through community and county services with the new County Live Well Center in Southeast San Diego and the Orange Line Trolley.

I want to also emphasize how critical it is to all of us that you ensure a strong Latino Majority Border District in your maps that corrects the gerrymandering that shoved Coronado into that district in the first place.

One of the beautiful things in this redistricting is diverse communities standing together.

So you have Black, API, central, north and south all joining together to speak out for our South County neighbors and coworkers who have families on both sides of the border.

There's so much support for this vision even the Union Tribune editorialized about recently.

Finally, I want to speak out on behalf of my coworkers in North City San Diego – Mira Mesa, RPQ, Carmel Valley and more – who belong with their City of San Diego neighbors... for sure not East County.

As a social worker, I have been on the ground in many parts of this area fighting to ensure kids and families there are protected and cared for.

I know firsthand how important community is for our families so you better believe I'm going to add my voice to those who are fighting to protect their community with a fair district that actually represents them.

Because if you lump the AAPI community and North City San Diego with East County you'd really be taking away their community... and their voice. And that's just plain wrong.

Map 14 makes all these priorities a reality. So do some of the publicly submitted maps. And you can make changes to Map13 to achieve these priorities too.

Do redistricting right by treating our communities right.

Don't draw lines to divide us – draw lines to bring us together.

I know you can and will do this – and I thank you on behalf of our County Employees.

Thanks again,

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Sent from my iPhone.
Please excuse any typos.