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Hello. I am a current East County resident. I have previously lived in the South Bay. I have also walked the neighborhood streets of almost every area within San Diego. Because of that, I know the various areas of the city and all its diversities of interests and concerns decently well. However, I will only focus on where I currently live. That being said, I am yet another voice adding to the common sense of not splitting up the East County communities (COI).

\* El Cajon specifically is an integral and undeniable part of East County, and should not be segregated just because there are refugees within its city limits. Its history and its current status as of one of the main centers of East County remain unchanged since the last census. Many of these former refugees, such as the Chaldean community, have long been settled and acclimated to their new home and consider themselves one and the same as any other East County resident, and have no desire to be segregated from their community home by being lumped together with people located in urban areas such as City Heights, which is a world away in lifestyle and needs. Those who cannot understand this have obviously never been to these areas, or simply are feigning interest in these various citizens just to meet a personal agenda of cultural quota while denying these respected citizens their right to have their local community voice fairly represented. El Cajon also is part of the Grossmont Union School District along with Santee and Spring Valley. The Advanced Water Treatment Project traverses Santee, El Cajon, Lakeside, and more.

\* These maps being considered absolutely do not reflect the East County community accurately and are therefore unacceptable as proposed. East County residents cannot support any of the current draft maps proposed – neither the Public Submitted Maps, nor the IRC Draft Maps. There is nothing wrong with the Original District 2 layout, which for the record – happens to be the LEAST REPRESENTED by the San Diego IRC Commissioners. There are 3 Commissioners each from District 1, 3, 4, and 5, but there are only 2 Commissioners from District 2 (East County).

\* It's unacceptable that the East County COI is not being listened to or fairly represented by any of these maps. It's also in violation of Section 21552 of Chapter 6.5 of Division 21 of the Elections Code criteria (4) (“contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests...for fair representation” – yet incredibly wealthy Rancho Santa Fe is thrown into a East County COI?!) and (5) (“distance” – ie. Bypassing inclusion of El Cajon and Rancho San Diego for places like Camp Pendleton, Rancho Santa Fe, or Bonita!).

A District encompassing a East County COI should include areas such as Poway, Santee, El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, Lakeside, Spring Valley, Julian, Winter Gardens, Jamul, Alpine, Ramona, etc. A District encompassing the

East County COI should NOT include areas such as Clairemont, Normal Heights, Rancho Santa Fe, City Heights, or any other urban or incredibly distant area, etc.

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