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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you in concern of 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 Mesa, Linda Vista, and Mission Valley, you are depriving the Black community of their voice and the decades-long need for Black representation in San Diego county.

The current proposed map for District 4 dilutes the Black community voice, in which the Black CVAP is decreased from 11% to 9.1%. 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 has been months of public input asking for the commission to keep City Heights, Paradise Hills, Spring Valley, Rancho San Diego, La Mesa, and El Cajon together in a single supervisorial district.

Please utilize your unique opportunity to uplift the Black community of interest by including Paradise Hills, Spring Valley, and Rancho San Diego in District 4 moving forward. 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,
Aude Ruffing

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