

Region #1 San Diego
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TESTIMONY

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I grew up and have lived in the Southeastern area of San Diego for over fifty years. The area is roughly bordered by Highway 15 (Wabash now Escondido Fwy) on the west, Highway 94 on the north, Division Ave. in the south and the city of Lemon Grove on the east.

My immediate neighborhood is Emerald Hills in the southeast area. An area that is predominately African American. It is bordered by Hwy 94 on the north, Euclid Ave. on the west, Market Street on the south and 60th Street on the east. It is a single family residence area.

My neighbors and community members in the contiguous neighborhoods have common history, group aspirations, economic desires, concerns on reducing gang crime and effective political representation.

My Southeastern community and neighborhood includes parks, schools and some shopping. The area has a growing ethnic diversity. The contiguous populations share common social and economic interest in combination with unique cultures. There is a specific concern for quality of education facing minority children. There are concerns with opportunities in economic growth and development, as well as job availability and access. There is an existing unique mind set and synergy in this community. The Market Creek project (located at Market St. & Euclid Ave.) is an example of a united community effort and working together for a common community good. Another example of common goals is, gang activity in this area is addressed and viewed differently, and there is a unity in addressing the uniqueness of this condition in Southeastern San Diego.

Due to the uniqueness of the community and common bounds the residence share, it is vital that it is not divided, any more than it is. Any redistricting that splits or downsizes the district can reduce the communities' fair and effective representation.

To have a fair common voice and an effective voice for community improvements, change and problem solving in this area, any redistricting that splits or downsizes the district can reduce the community fair and effective representation.

The ethnicity of the community gives it a unique common bonding. In my opinion the district should be expanded on the western boundary, giving the community a more effective common representation.

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TESTIMONY OF JONATHAN VALDEZ
At Public Hearing Held By
COMMISSIONERS OF CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
For The State of California
DATE: MAY 13, 2011 LOCATION: SAN MARCOS

My name is Jonathan Valdez. I have lived in Mira Mesa for 23 years. I am currently an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) tutor in the Poway Unified School District and future graduate student at San Diego State University.

There is a community of interest of Asian Pacific Islanders (APIs), of which the majority is Filipino Americans, located in the northern part of the City of San Diego which includes Mira Mesa and Rancho Penasquitos as well as other surrounding communities such as Carmel Valley, Rancho Bernardo, Scripps Ranch and Poway. APIs in these communities are generally middle class, own homes, have a high school education or higher, and are respectful of the cultural and ethnic diversity of their API communities.

One of the top community of interest factors shared by API parents is education. They are concerned about the level of academic performance, quality of education, and college readiness for their children as well as Asian language programs.

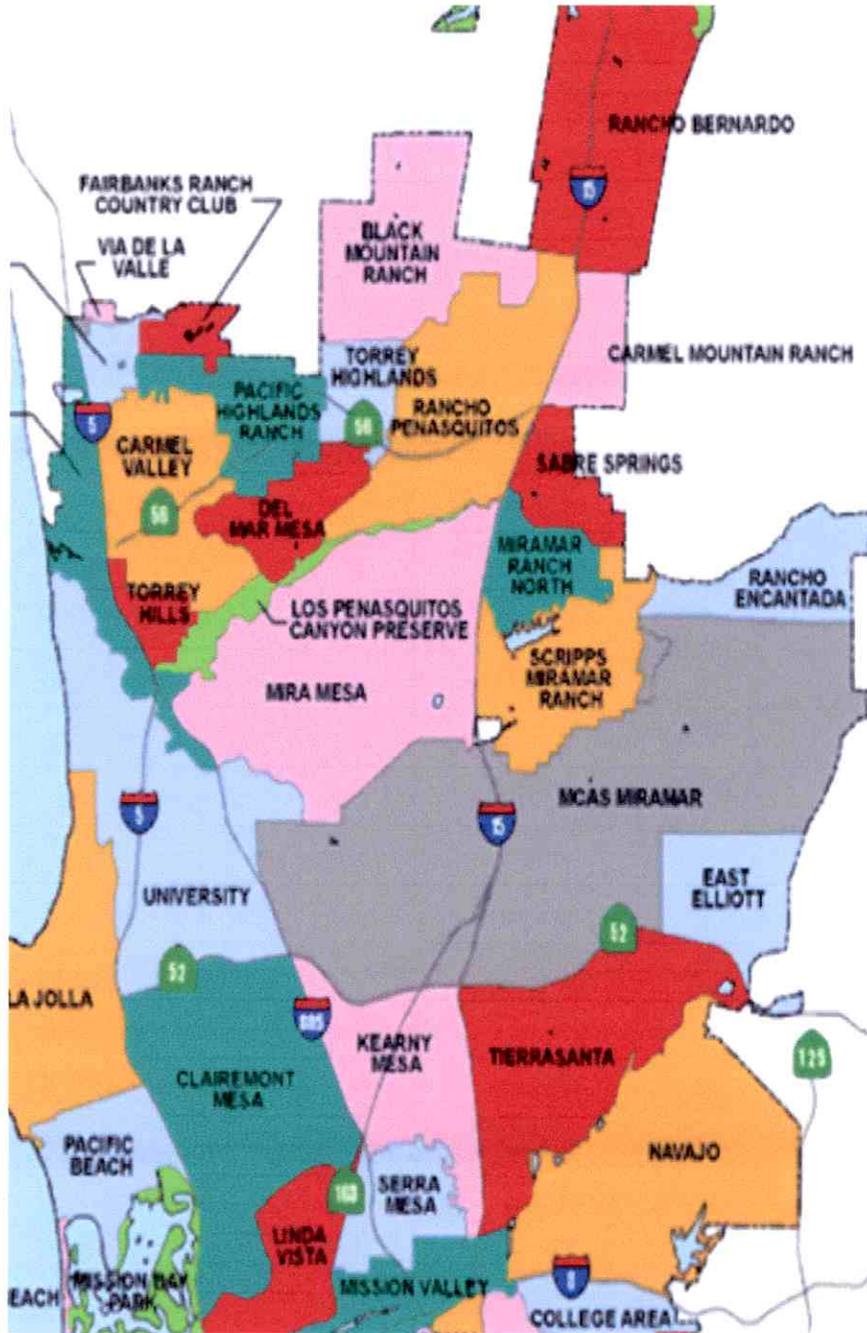
As a tutor in Poway, I work with a number of Filipino and other Asian Pacific Islanders on a daily basis. During the past ten years, the Asian population increased by 35% in Poway.

APIs represent a significant population in the high schools in Mira Mesa, Poway, Rancho Bernardo, Carmel Valley, and Scripps Ranch. The presence of a vibrant Filipino community is evident by the fact that Filipino language classes are currently offered at high schools in Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos and Carmel Valley as well as some middle schools in Mira Mesa. The AVID program is another example of schools improving the quality of education and getting students ready for college.

I request that the Commission keep together Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Carmel Valley, Scripps Ranch, Rancho Bernardo and Poway which have significant API populations, sharing similar social and economic interests.

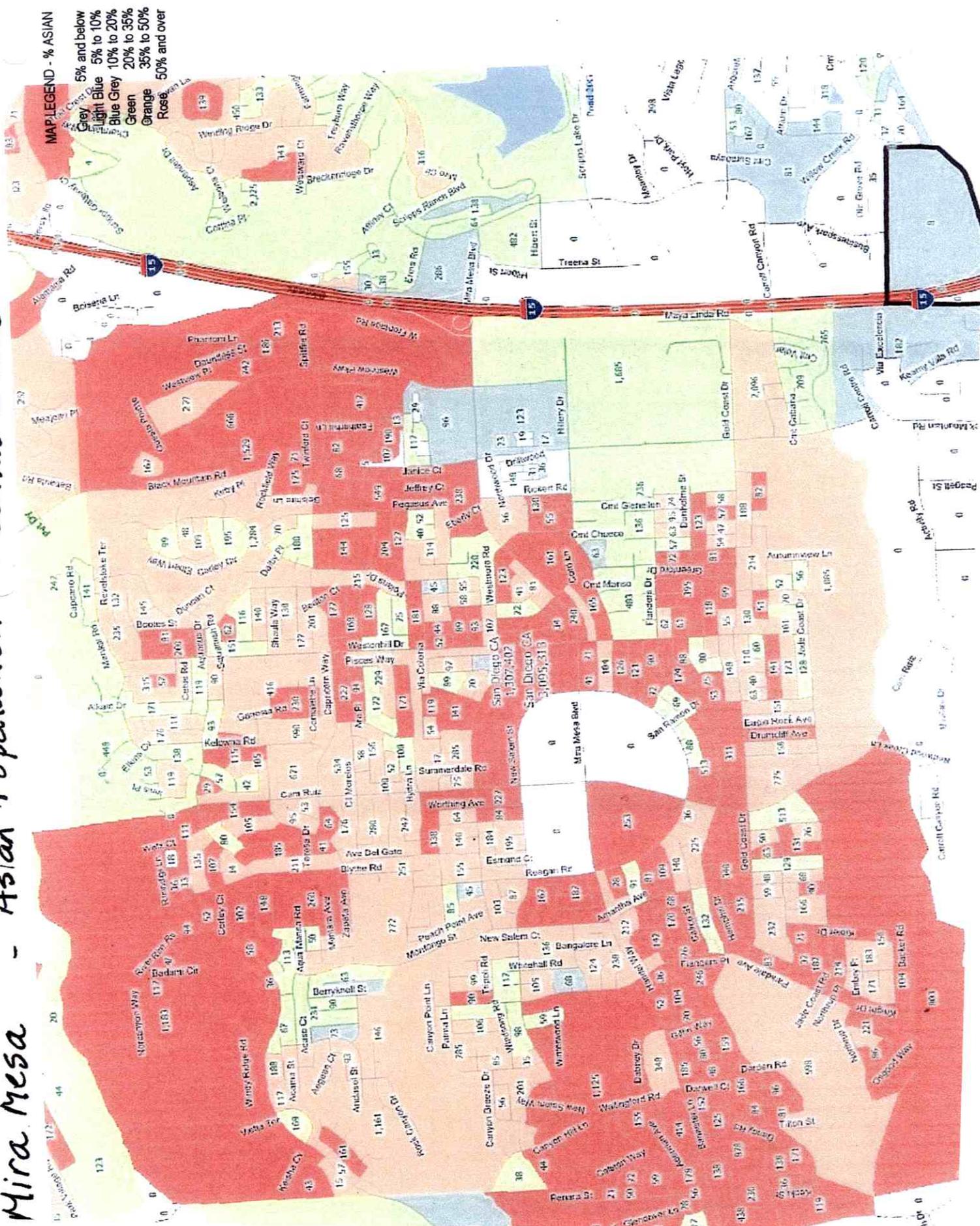
Thank you for your consideration.

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City of San Diego communities: Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Carmel Valley, Scripps Ranch, Rancho Bernardo.
City of Poway located east of Sabre Springs and Carmel Mountain Ranch.

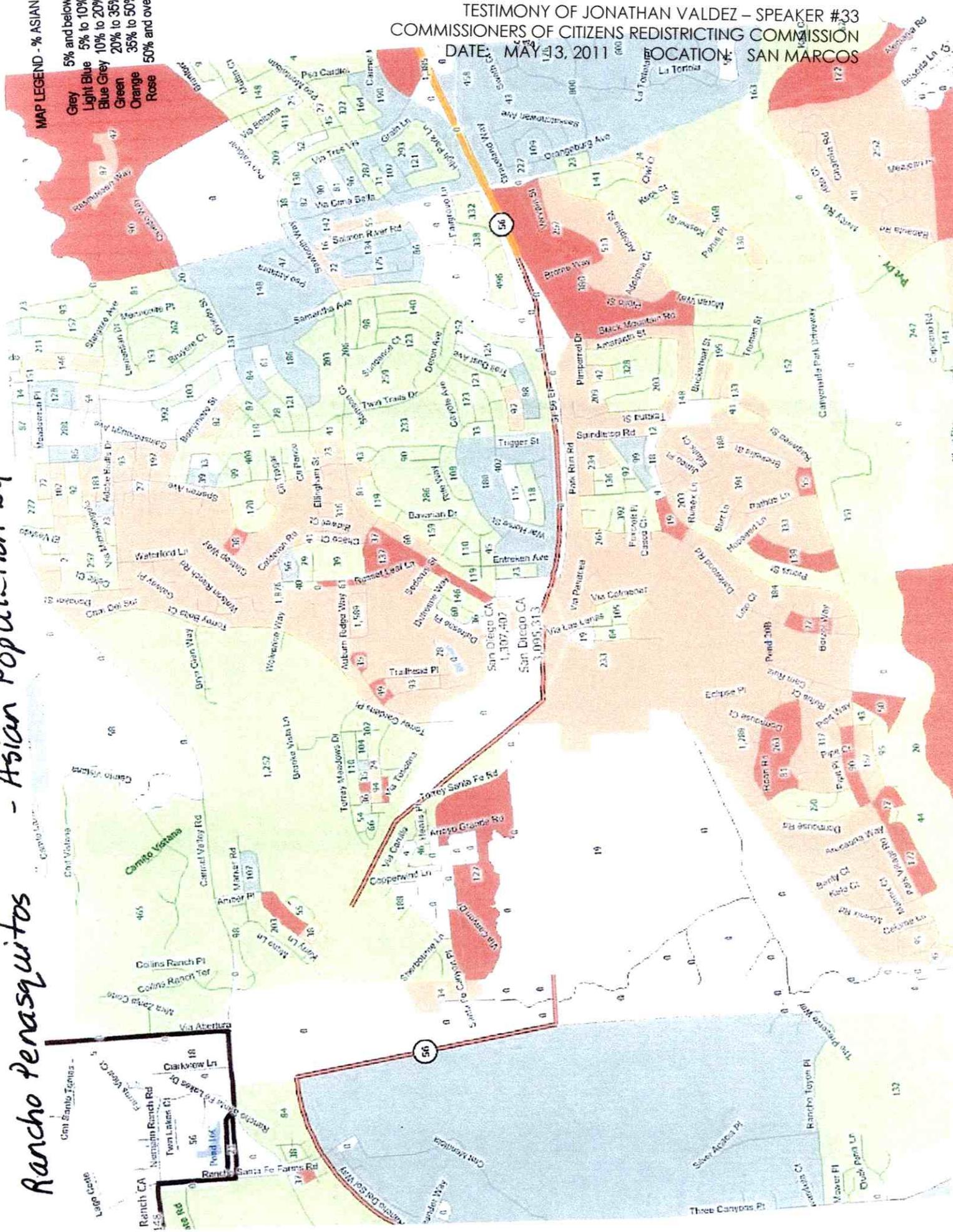
Mira Mesa - Asian Population / Census Blocks



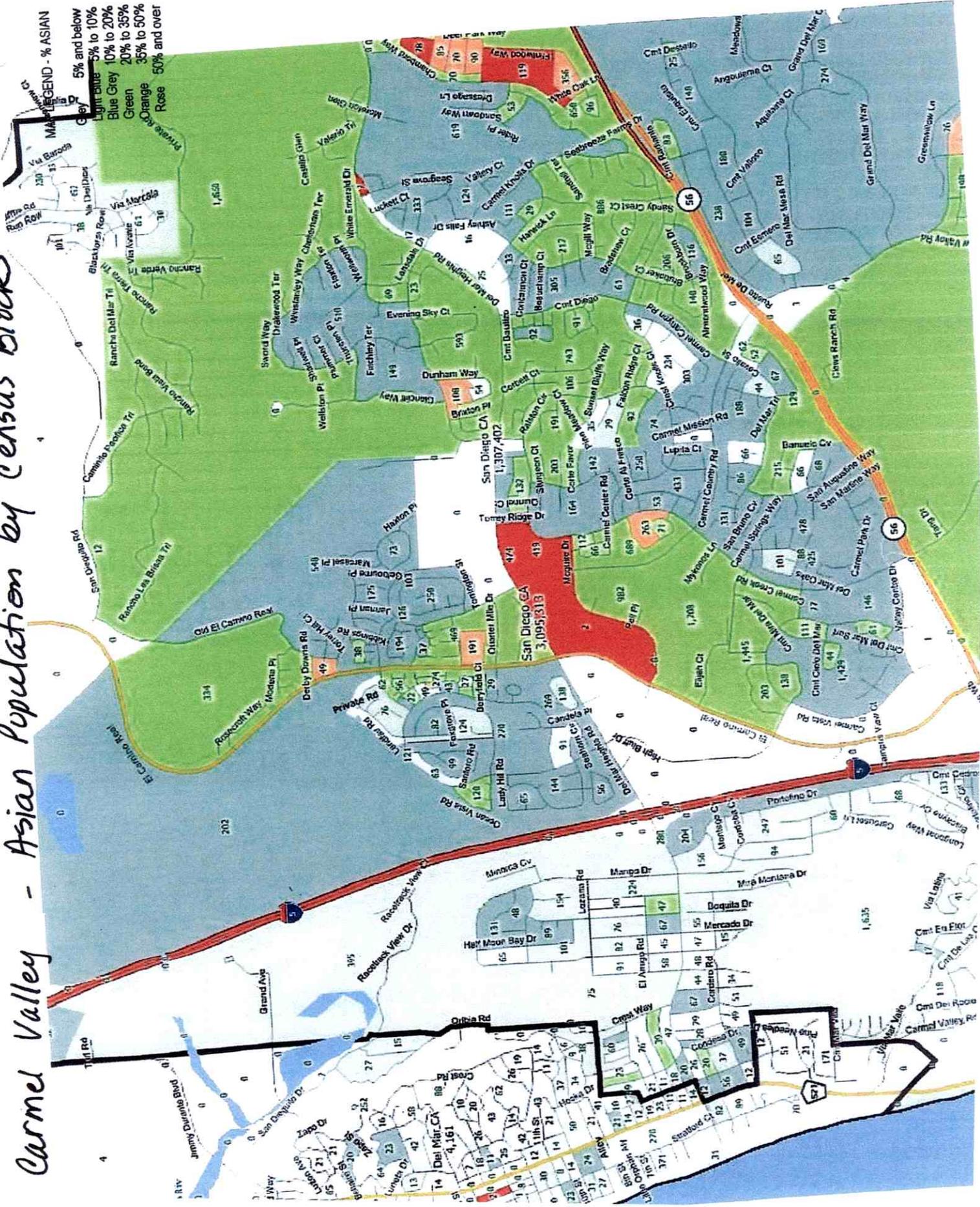
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 Blue Grey 10% to 20%
 Green 20% to 35%
 Orange 35% to 50%
 Rose 50% and over

Rancho Penasquitos - Asian population ~ 7



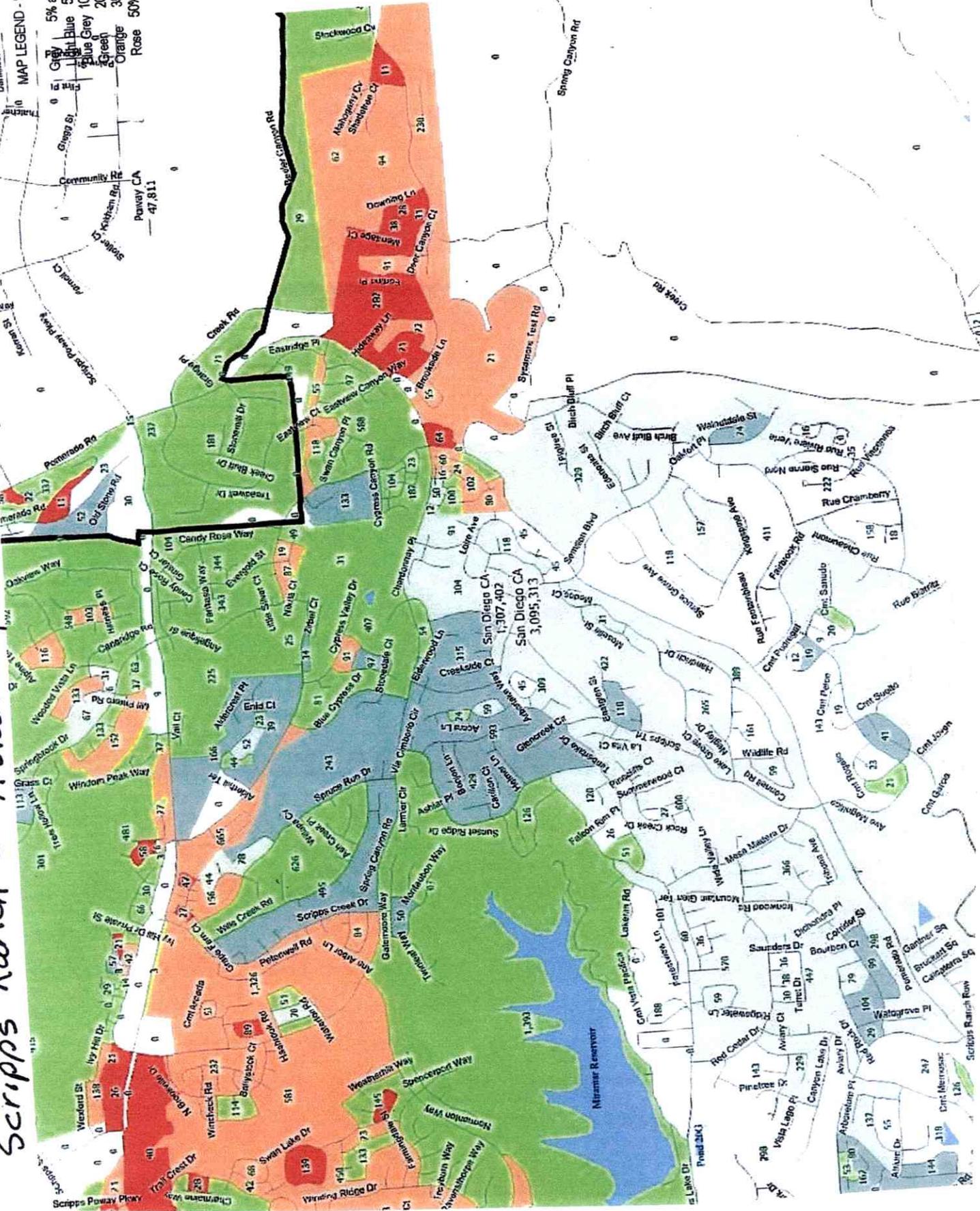
Carmel Valley - Asian Population by Census Blocks



Scriptis Ranch - Asian Population by Census Blocks

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Rancho Bernardo - Asian Population by Census Blocks



Poway East - Asian Population by Census Blocks

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