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Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I would like to request that one of the redistricting hearings to solicit community input be held in the San Francisco Bay area particularly in San Jose.

As you may be aware, in the 2001 redistricting process, Berryessa (a San Jose City Council District) was divided up into 4 assembly districts. As a result, Berryessa experienced one of the worse fragmentation of a community in the 2001 redistricting process. At that time, the Berryessa District was home to over 50% Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. This ethnically diverse community has had difficulty obtaining the attention of its representatives because residents make up only a small portion of each of the 4 assembly districts.

For these reasons, please consider hosting a redistricting hearing in the City of San Jose. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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