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RETIRED

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Dear Commissioners:

In 2000, the San Diego City Council had a Republican majority made up of four Councilmembers and a Republican Mayor. I was one of those four Republicans.

Following the redrawing of the lines by Karin MacDonald who worked for the San Diego City Redistricting Commission, Republicans began to lose seats.

The number of Republican seats has been cut from four to two.

How do I know that redistricting played a part?

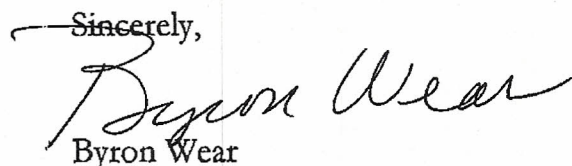
Republicans were packed into the 5th District making other districts less competitive.

By all accounts, Ms. MacDonald is competent, pleasant and knows what she is doing.

As you know, San Diego County Democrat Chairman Jesse Durfee has written to you in support of her drawing your lines.

He should. He's seen her work.

Sincerely,



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