

## 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

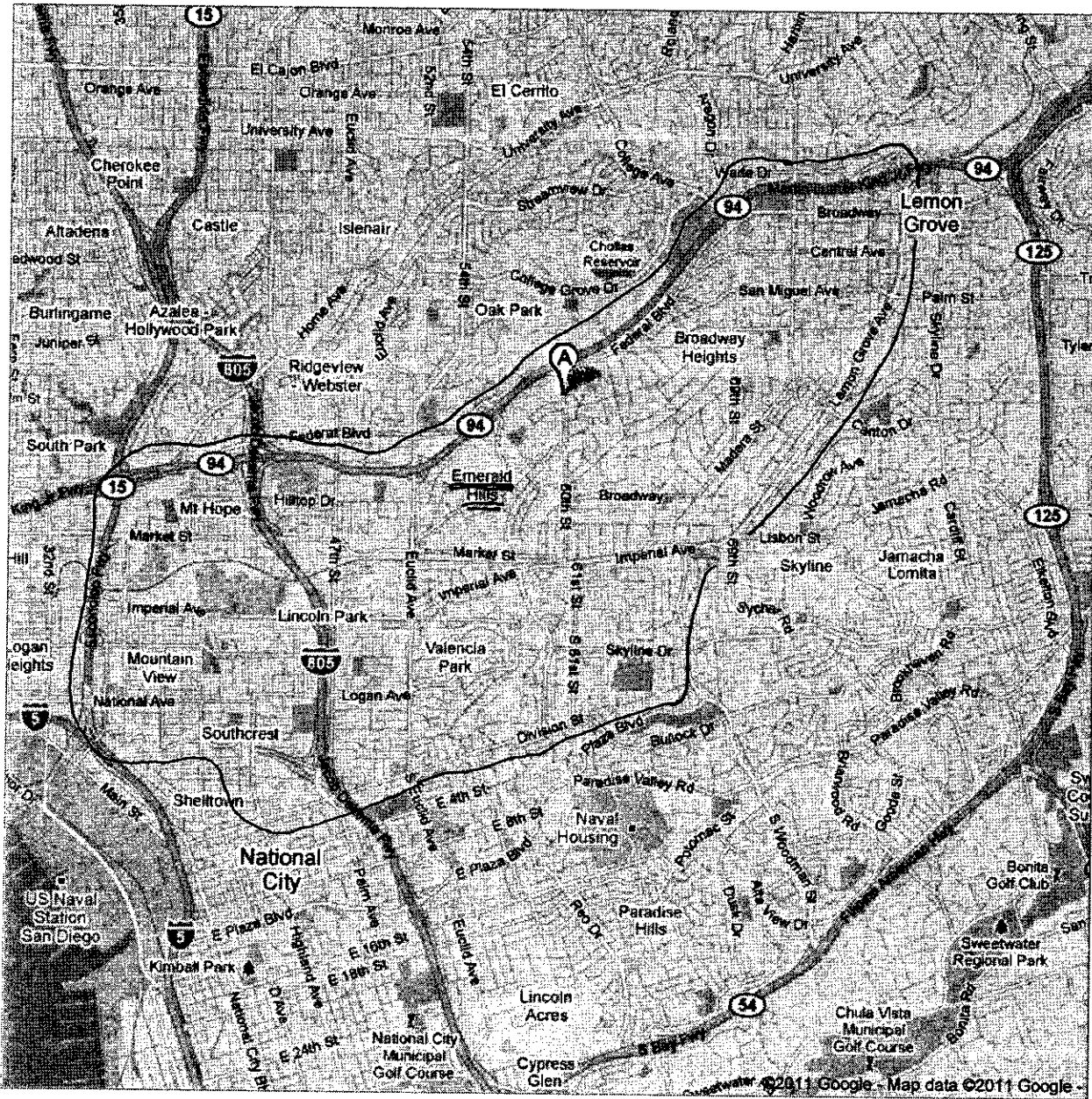
The ethnicity of the community gives it a unique common bonding. In my opinion the district should be expanded on the western boundary, giving the community a more effective common representation.

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Speaker # 1

Redistricting: The Trans-Sierra Assembly District: Isolated and Sparse Population COI

Good afternoon and thank you for the opportunity to speak for a Trans-Sierra Assembly District that would represent the unique isolated mountain communities located on both sides of the Sierra Nevada at the eastern edge of our geographically diverse state. Route 80 to the North and Route 49 to the West are our logical Transportation Corridor boundaries; it also allows for closely maintaining county lines in Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Mono and Alpine Counties.

There are many economic and cultural similarities that tie these communities together; the anchor is the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The beauty and hardships of the mountains have forged a unique lifestyle in our communities of isolation. Many of our residents first came for the outdoor recreation but made the Western Foothills and Eastern Sierra Mountains home. The sparse population lends itself to smaller "mom and pop" enterprises, the backbone of our communities. Many businesses, retirees and volunteers who live or visit see themselves as guardians of the fragile environment, wilderness areas and national parks. We are committed to the seasonal rhythms of the mountains, the weather and the roads. Our livelihood and passions revolve around the tourist related economy, be it trout fishing, skiing, snowboarding, birding, biking or any level of a walk in the great outdoors. In the summer Yosemite, Sonora and the John Muir Trail are our calling cards for visitors from all over the world.

We believe our steadfast commitment to our mountain environment and its tenacious economy gives us a determined perspective to manage and preserve our autonomous region as an Assembly District.

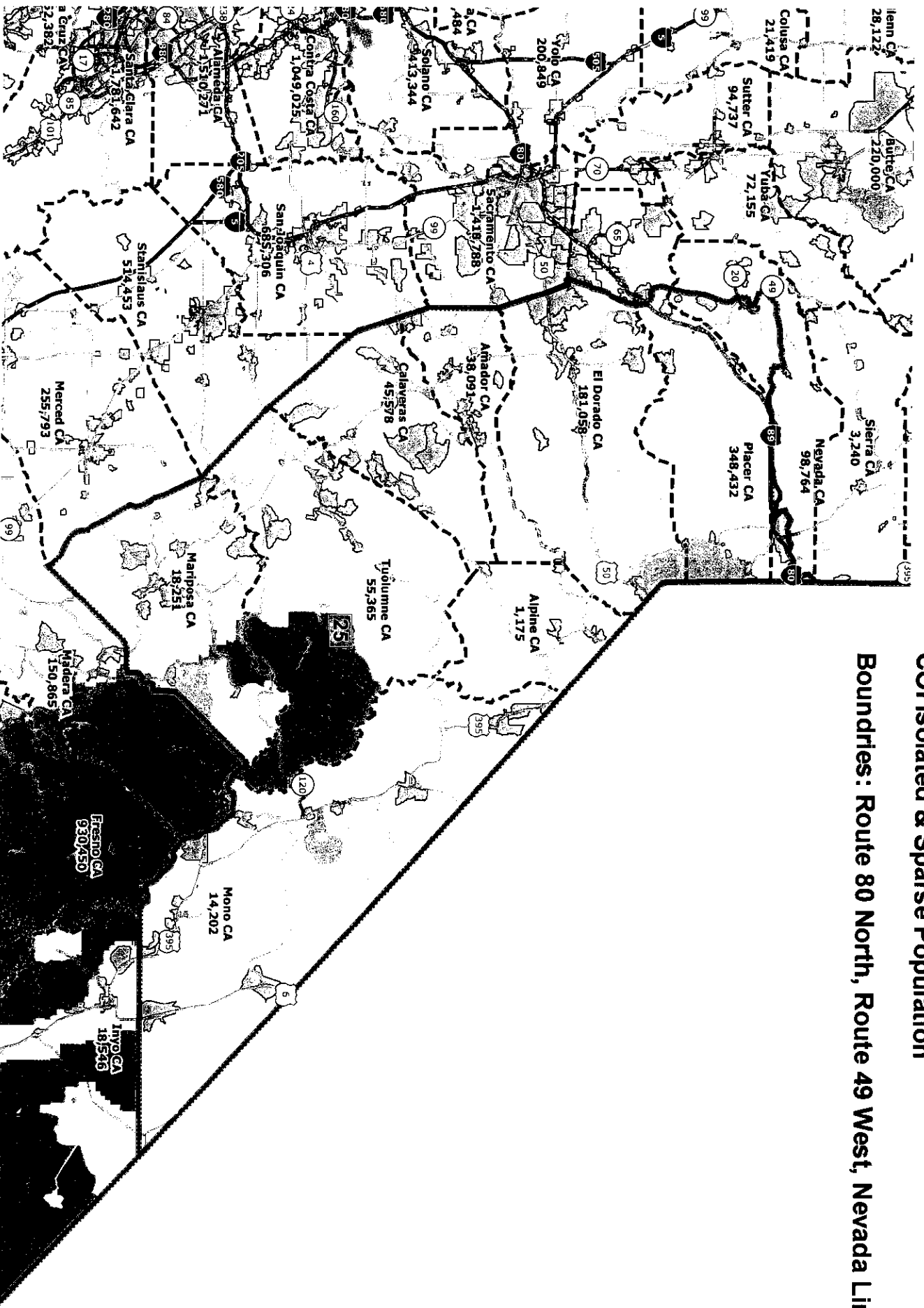
I also want to say "thank you" to the Redistricting Group at Berkley Law Center, California Common Cause, The James Irvine Foundation and the Greenlining Institute for all their support and education in this redistricting effort.

Susan Sanders

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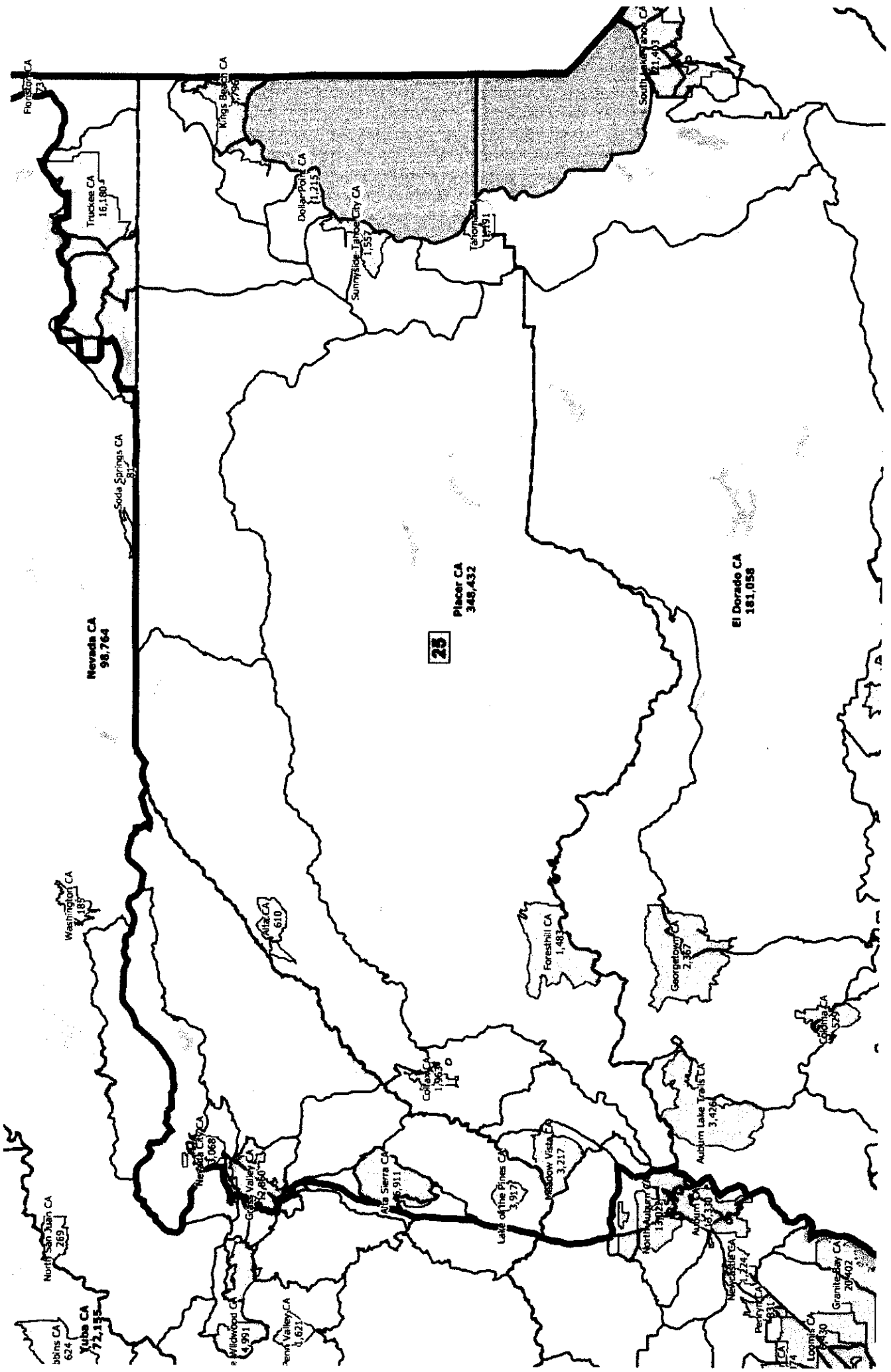
# Trans-Sierra Assembly District: COI Isolated & Sparse Population

Boundries: Route 80 North, Route 49 West, Nevada Line East



Population	465666	Deviation	-8	%	0.0%	Hispanic	54476	%	11.7%	White	409515	%	87.9%	Black	4509	%	1.0%	American Indian	6609	%	1.4%	Asian	9635	%	2.1%	Hawaiian	674	%	0.1%	Other	18132	%	3.9%	2+ Races	16592	%	3.6%
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Please take a look at the maps for the 78-79 District. As you will see we were able to reconfigure the District Lines to increase the 78th from 11% to 14.0% (65231) (this was achieved by redrawing the lines of the 78th to include the densely population of African Americans in the 79<sup>th</sup>). You will also see an increase of 38% to 44.5% for Latinos/Hispanics in the 78<sup>th</sup>. The 79th District started with an African American population of 6.5%, after subtracting from the 79<sup>th</sup> population to increase the 78<sup>th</sup> District percentages of AA population, and the balancing in the overall populations numbers in the 78<sup>th</sup> and 79<sup>th</sup> to ensure compliance that each district has equal population based on the U. S. Constitution; the African American population decreased to 5.3% (24435) in the 79<sup>th</sup>; which is equal to the overall state's projection percentage for African Americans. The African American population is/was scarcely spread across the 79<sup>th</sup>. The Latino population increased from 45% to 62.6% in the 79<sup>th</sup>. (Please see excel file).

Pastors on Point  
United African Ministerial Action Council  
Latino Redistricting Committee

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05.14.11D -

Good afternoon Commissioners; I am Rev. Gerald W. Brown, Pastors on Point and The United African American Ministerial Action Council in collaborations' with the Latinos Redistricting Committee are Faith Base-Community Based Organizations; which represent approximately 40 thousand constituents in the San Diego 78<sup>th</sup> and 79<sup>th</sup> Districts. We have banded together to work collectively in addressing the need for a Public Servant/s, representatives from amongst the people, for the people. That will work with integrity, honesty and be accountable to all, to include those who maybe living in a fragmented, underserved and disenfranchised community. After all, isn't that what the Constitution and Voter's Right Act is all about?

Today we would like to present a map that we have collectively worked on for both districts to ensure representation for all. We have respected your request to be compact and contiguous.

The communities of the 78<sup>th</sup> and 79<sup>th</sup> California Assembly Districts; stands together as two of the most diverse districts in the state of California. Its demographics are made up of African American, Ethiopians, Latinos, Semolina, Asia Pacific Islanders, Vietnamese, Laotian, and Caucasian.

Our Community of Interest is for the most part, similar to that which you heard across the state. I applaud each you for your due diligent in presenting an opportunity for everyone to be heard.

1. Public Safety and Judicial Reform- San Diego County is the 3rd largest area for returning ex-offenders in the state, with no clear resources they return to our community. While crime is down in our city, according to our Mayor and the Sandag's reports, still our communities are overwhelmed without additional resources to serve them. A gang problem that seems to be out of control, we need Jobs for our youth.
2. Education Reform-Low performing schools with thousands of students (Black and Brown Boys) either dropping out or being pushed out by the ninth grade.
3. Health Care, Latinos and African American are leading the pack, (top of the list) for every major health disparity in the nation. If you don't believe me, there go another one, the disease of underrepresented. Still we have little are no health care, Thank God for Family Health Center and San Yisdo Health Centers.
4. Economic Development---We suffer high unemployment rates from Skilled and un-Skilled works. The rate of unemployment and under employment is tripled in our communities.
5. We are seeking to Build a Beloved Community base and focus to ensure that all communities are represented and working collectively we will meet to address the challenges, interests and ensure that we are not a part of the problem but the solutions

Rev. Gerald Brown	United African Ministerial Action Council
Rev. Ray Smith	Pastors on Point
Robert Robinson	United African Ministerial Action Council
Estella Del Rio	Latino Redistricting Committee
Angel Harris	Pastors on Point-Harris Group





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05.14.11E -

Hi my name is Aden Muhumed and I represent Somali Family Service Organization and the Somali community in San Diego.

After the twin cities of Minnesota San Diego is the largest resettlement capital in the country and the Somalis here are estimated between 20.000 to 25.000 and nearly half of that population are living in the heart of San Diego City (City Heights), the other half are mainly dispersed in Lemon Grove, Balboa, Linda Vista, Paradise Valley hills, spring Valley and the other parts of the county. Our community are totally resettled in the urban area.

Somalis in San Diego are suffering big problems specially transportation, education, job opportunities, housing and medical access and more than 95% are living under the poverty line. Another big challenge is from the influx of the new asylum seekers who are daily crossing the southern border of the State, and those are the most needy know. That challenge must be addressed urgently by the governmental agencies and non-governmental.

Our community don't have good knowledge about the redistricting and over all what is going in this country, so they need more education on how to advocate their interests and overcome the challenges they are facing

Our people while they are under-served they like to live same area so they can help each other in the means of transportation, access to hospitals and clinics and that is way they are always crowded in the city heights area and we hope that the redistricting commission will give priority and let them to live in their same area as one district.

TESTIMONY OF PALMA HOOPER  
At Public Hearing Held By  
COMMISSIONERS OF CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
For The State of California  
DATE: MAY 14, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

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05.14.11F -

My name is Palma Cesar Hooper. I have been living in San Diego County for over 30 years.

I am the President of the SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW (also known as SCAPAL). SCAPAL is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, providing pro bono educational programs on various topics of the law including redistricting to underserved communities in San Diego County.

In San Diego County there are over 431,800 Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPIs), representing about 14% of the County's population.

The attached map shows areas of AAPI population density in San Diego County. There are three main geographical areas for AAPIs.

In South Bay, there is a concentration of AAPIs in National City, Chula Vista, Paradise Hills, Bonita and Bay Terrace.

In the City of San Diego to the north, there is a second concentration of AAPIs located in Mira Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Sorrento Valley, Carmel Valley, Poway and Rancho Bernardo.

In Mid-City of San Diego, there is a third concentration of AAPIs, primarily Southeast Asians, in Linda Vista and in City Heights.

These communities in which AAPIs live have shared needs for language access, similar immigrant backgrounds, common social and cultural interests, and similar economic needs. AAPIs have common policy concerns around these needs and interests that would be best-served if the areas in which they live are kept intact within districts.

Thank you for your dedicated service to insure democracy for all.

*Map Submitted in Support of the Testimony of Palma Hooper  
Public Input Hearing: May 14, 2011 in San Diego, CA*

Percent of Population that is Asian American, San Diego County, 2010<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> United States Census Bureau, 2010 Census PL94-171. Race categories include both single race and multiracial individuals.

TESTIMONY OF DR. OFELIA DIRIGE  
At Public Hearing Held By  
COMMISSIONERS OF CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
For The State of California  
DATE: MAY 14, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

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I am Dr. Ofelia Dirige, faculty member in the Center for Asian Studies and Graduate School of Public Health, San Diego State University. I am also President and CEO of Kalusugan's Filipino American Wellness Center, a nonprofit organization based in east National City. The Center aims to improve the health of FilAms and underserved groups primarily in east National City, Paradise Hills and Bay Terrace as well as throughout the County. I work in National City, live in east Chula Vista, and have been a long time community activist.

We respect the interests of Latinos in San Diego, including the drawing of a Latino Voting Rights Act (VRA) district that takes in parts of National City, Chula Vista and Paradise Hills. Doing this would require splitting the three areas.

We ask the Commission to draw a second district to the east that keeps together the API population in these three areas including Bonita and Bay Terrace and their community institutions.

The reason is that many FilAms are part of this community of interest. The attached map shows Filipino population density in these areas (National City, Chula Vista, Paradise Hills, Bonita and Bay Terrace).

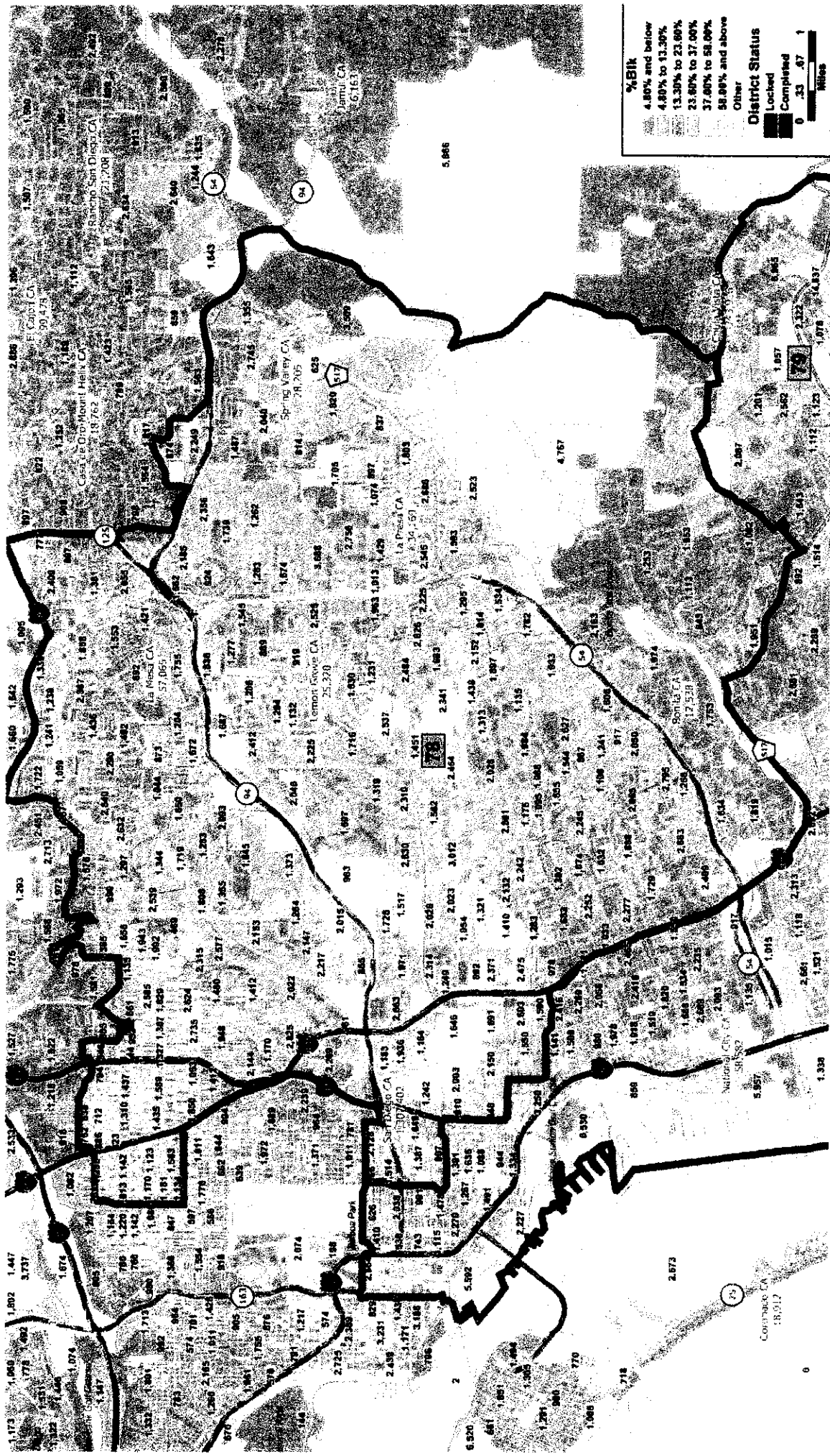
National City is the center of FilAm economic, cultural, and political events. The areas being considered rely on more than 20 FilAm institutions in National City to maintain family & business ties and access to social and health services. The attached map shows these community institutions. Examples are: Seafood City supermarket, Filipino Press and Asian Journal newspapers, and Manila Sunset and Villa Manila restaurants. Every year, the Wellness Center sponsors a Cultural & Arts Festival in Paradise Hills that draws over 15,000 mostly young people.

Thank you for considering our request.

*Map Submitted in Support of the Testimony of Dr. Ofelia Dirige  
Public Input Hearing: May 14, 2011 in San Diego, CA*

Number of Filipino Americans, South San Diego County, 2005-2009<sup>1</sup>





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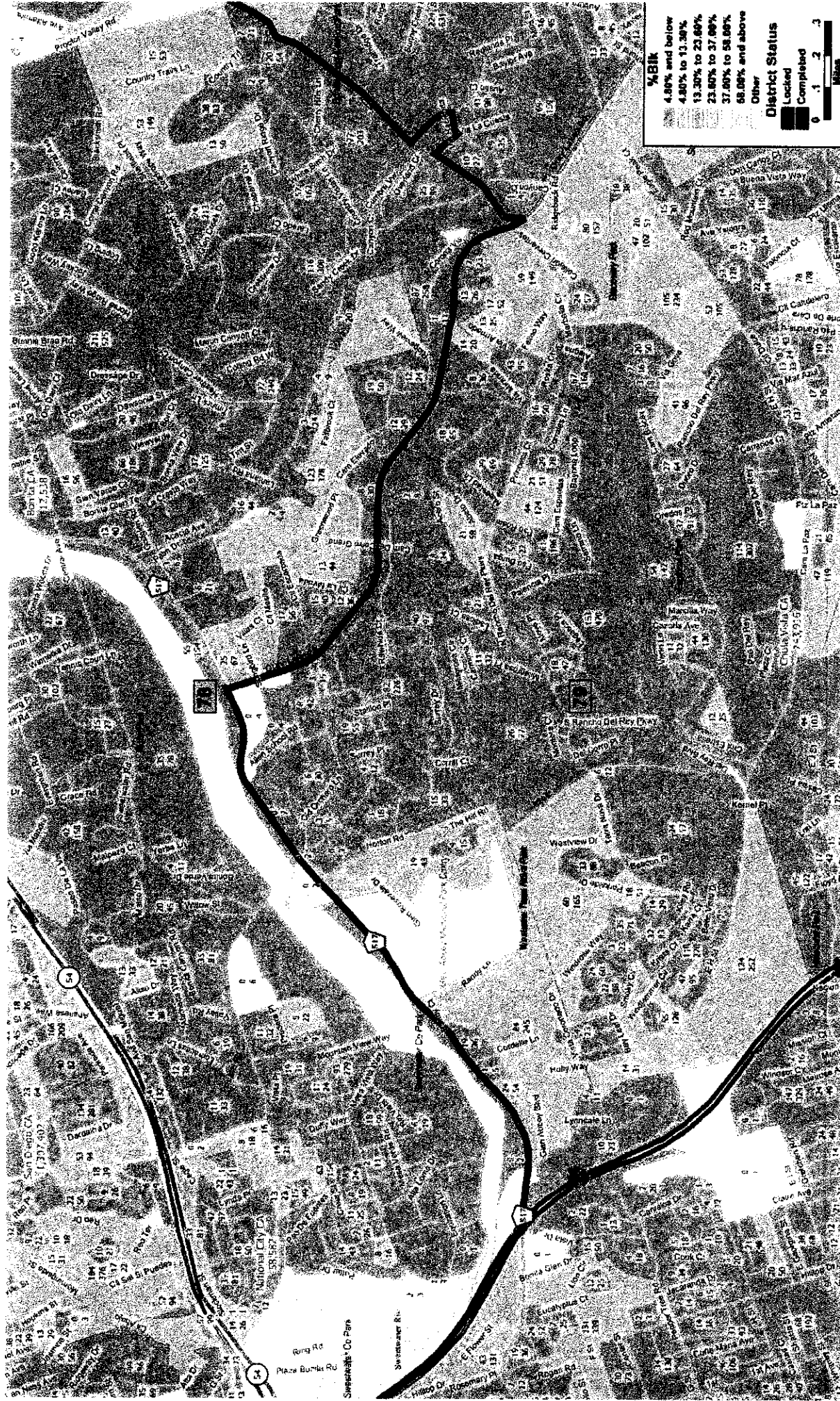
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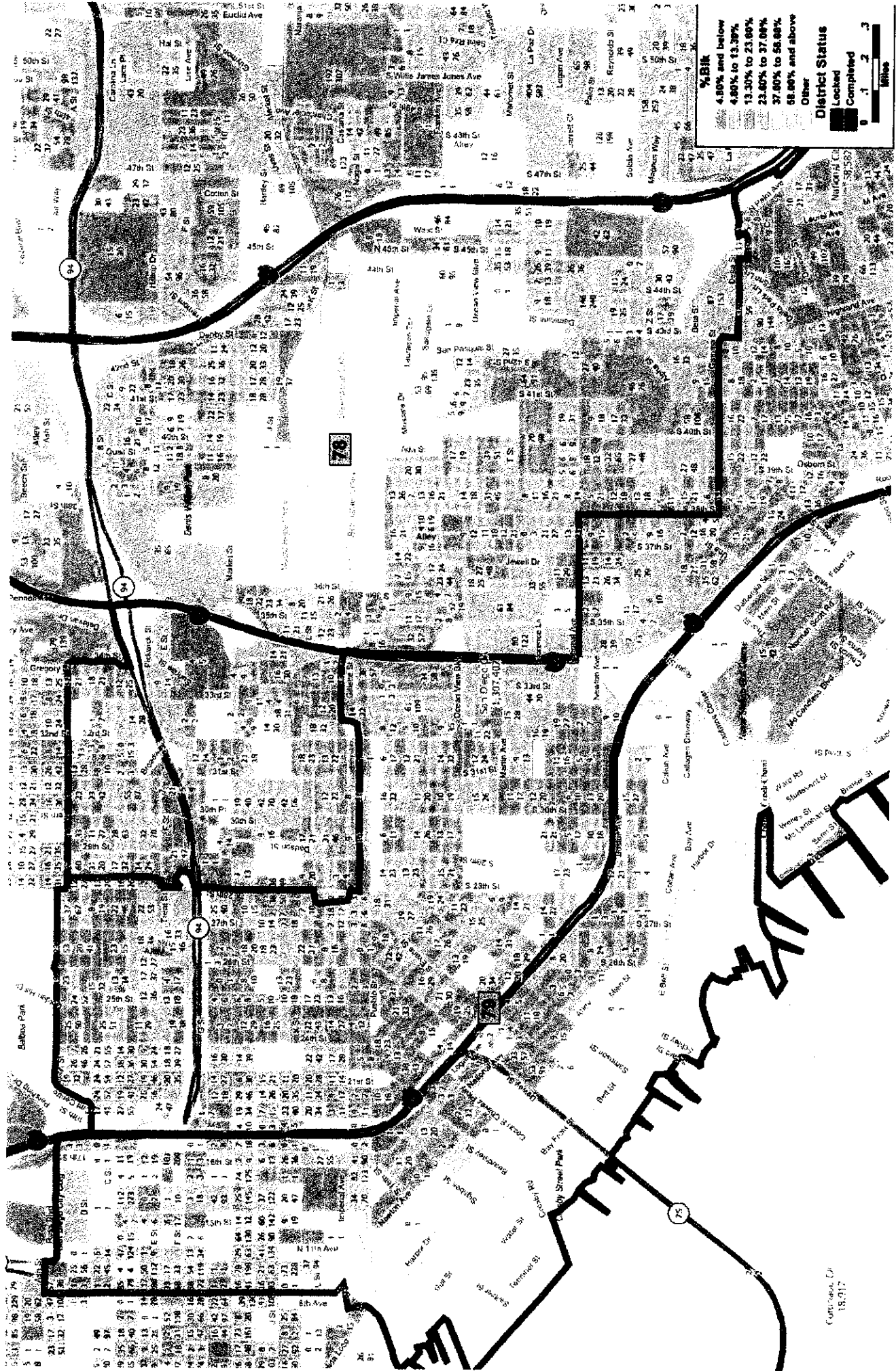
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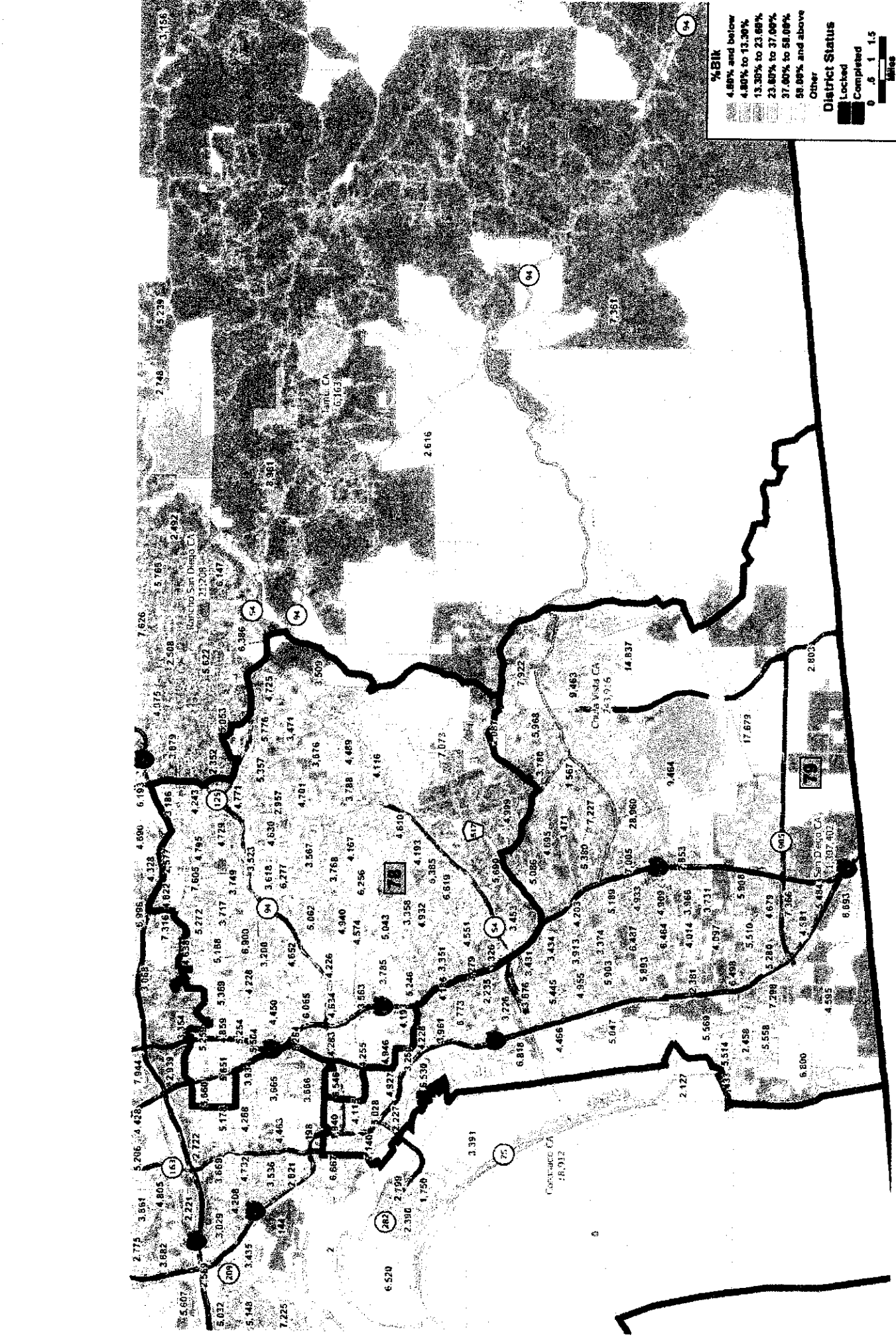
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- 13.31% to 23.68%
- 23.69% to 37.06%
- 37.07% to 58.06%
- 58.07% and above

**District Status**

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TESTIMONY OF EDWARD APARIS  
At Public Hearing Held By  
COMMISSIONERS OF CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
For The State of California  
DATE: MAY 14, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

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My name is Edward Aparis. I have lived in East National City for 16 years. I have been living in East Chula Vista for the past 9 years.

I have been active in the Filipino American community volunteering with Kalusugan Community Services, Council of Philippine American Organizations, and Operation Samahan in National City

I have also worked at the MAAC Project (Maximizing Access to Advance our Communities) which is a social service organization focusing on low and moderate income Latino and African American families. Through MAAC I have had contact with various Latino and African American individuals and organizations over the years.

I ask that the Commission draw districts that respect the interests of AAPI, Latino and African American communities in San Diego County. These populations, particularly in the southern portion of the County, have similar social service needs.

First, I ask the Commission to respect the Voting Rights Act interests of Latinos in the western portion of San Diego. I understand that the drawing of this Voting Rights district would require the splitting of National City, Chula Vista, and Paradise Hills.

Second, I ask that in splitting National City, Chula Vista and Paradise Hills, the Commission preserve as much of the AAPI population in National City, Chula Vista and Paradise Hills as possible and keep them with Bonita and Bay Terrace. This area is home to significant numbers of AAPIs, including many Filipinos, as well as Latinos and some African Americans.

The community in National City, Chula Vista, Paradise Hills, Bonita and Bay Terrace tends to be low to moderate income, has high rates of limited English proficiency, and many of its members are immigrants or children of immigrants.

This community needs a strong voice at the state and federal levels to advocate for its underserved needs and should be kept together so that they have that strong voice.

Since the areas I mentioned do not make up an entire district, I suggest that areas such as Valencia Park, Encanto, Skyline and La Presa be added to the same district.

We should not be included in the foothill areas of East County because they do not share similar social and economic interests of South County. Thank you.

TESTIMONY OF CHARLES W. KIM, JR.  
At Public Hearing Held By  
COMMISSIONERS OF CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
For The State of California  
DATE: MAY 14, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

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Good afternoon. My name is Charles Wesley Kim, Jr. I have lived in San Diego since 1985 and presently live in Carmel Valley. I am an attorney and formerly had my law practice in the Convoy area in Kearny Mesa.

I am active in civics at the City, County and State level, including through various Asian bar associations, the Asian Business Association, and the San Diego Police Chief's API Advisory Board.

Through my service in the American Asian Pacific Islander community, I am familiar with the community-of-interest consisting of Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Sorrento Valley, Carmel Valley, Rancho Bernardo, and parts of Kearny Mesa.

AAPIs make up a significant portion of this community of interest, and like other members of this community, have shared needs and interests. The attached map shows AAPI population within the geographical areas of this community of interest.

Kearny Mesa includes the Convoy area, bounded by Highway 52 to the north, I-805 to the west and Highway 163 to the east. The area has a large concentration of Korean-owned businesses, including a Korean newspaper, TV station, supermarket, restaurants and family-owned businesses. The area also has many other Asian restaurants and family-owned businesses, including 99 Ranch, an Asian market, Mitsuwa Market, a Japanese supermarket, and Marukai San Diego, a Japanese specialty store. These restaurants and businesses are patronized by residents of Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Sorrento Valley, Carmel Valley and Kearny Mesa.

Similarly, the Mira Mesa area draws AAPIs from the surrounding areas to shop at Seafood City, a Filipino and Asian supermarket, Indian Food and Grocery store, and Vinh Hung Supermarket, a Vietnamese grocery store.

This area cannot comprise an entire Assembly district, so the Commission should combine it with Scripps Ranch, University City, and Poway. These areas are socio-economically similar and have a strong AAPI presence.

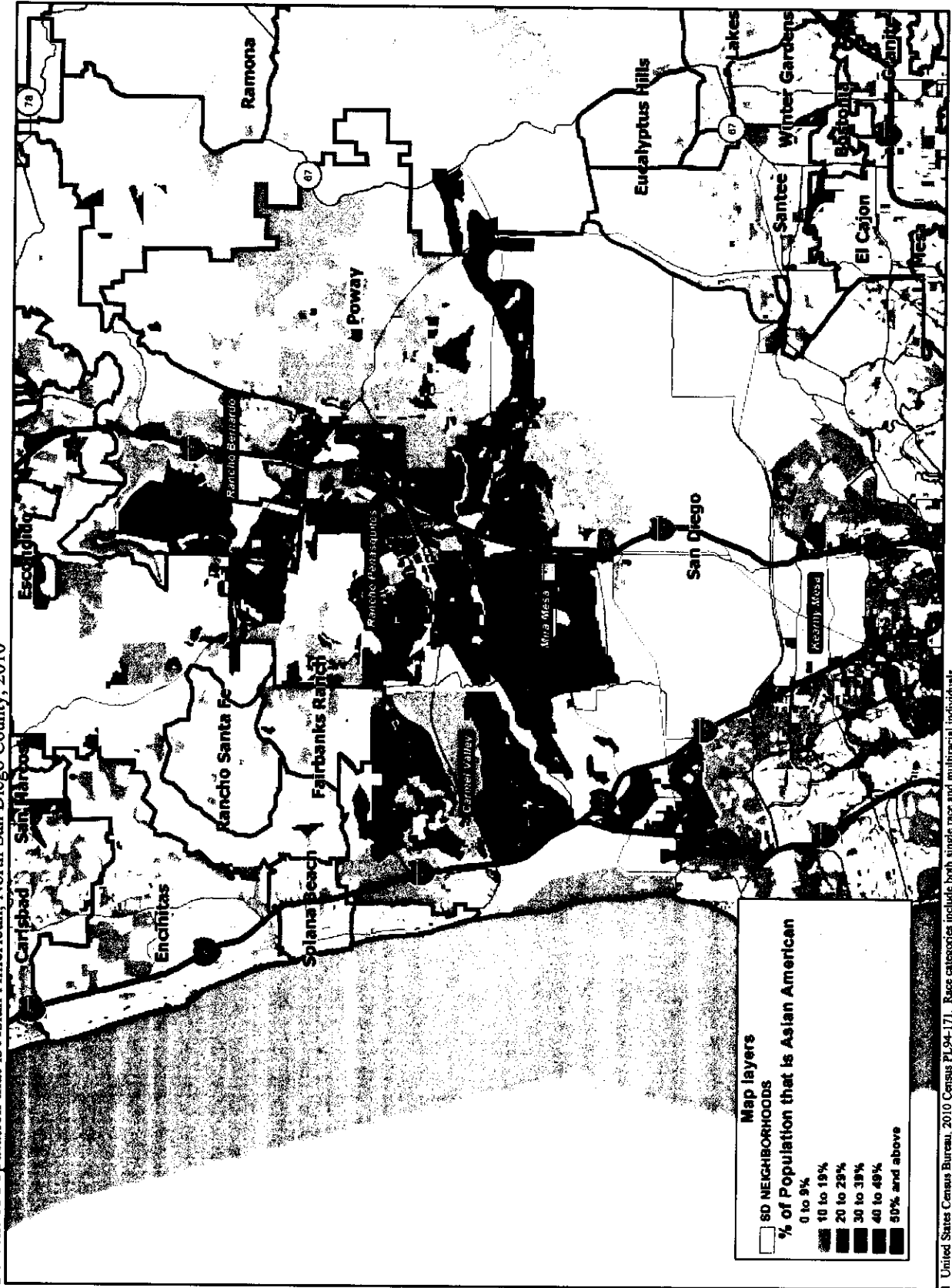
In contrast, the communities of Fairbanks Ranch, Del Mar and Rancho Santa Fe should be in a separate district. Their demographics differ significantly from the communities of Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos and Sorrento Valley.

From a policy perspective and in practical terms, the residents of Mira Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Sorrento Valley, Carmel Valley, and Rancho Bernardo will receive much more responsive representation if they did not have to compete with their wealthier neighbors to the northwest for their representative's attention.

Thank you again for hearing our concerns. I am confident that the Commission will preserve the integrity of this north county AAPI community-of-interest.

*Map Submitted in Support of the Testimony of Charles W. Kim  
Public Input Hearing: May 14, 2011 in San Diego, CA*

Percent of Population that is Asian American, North San Diego County, 2010<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> United States Census Bureau, 2010 Census PL94-171. Race categories include both single race and multiracial individuals



TESTIMONY OF PATRICIA GUEVARRA  
At Public Hearing Held By  
COMMISSIONERS OF CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
For The State of California  
DATE: MAY 14, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

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My name is Patricia Guevarra. I have lived in Rancho Penasquitos for 12 years. I am a Program Associate for a national non-profit organization. I also volunteer my time on behalf of several local Asian Pacific Islander (API) community organizations.

There is a community of interest located in North County including Rancho Penasquitos, Mira Mesa, Rancho Bernardo, Carmel Valley, Poway, and the new development near Camino del Sur. These communities have a significant population of APIs centered on family, culture, education, and upward mobility.

Rancho Penasquitos is a quiet, well-established suburban community that was developed in the 1960s and 1970s. It attracts young API families with kids to live because the local schools are part of the Poway Unified School District, one of the highest scoring districts in San Diego County. Young API families are also migrating to areas such as Carmel Valley with its new town center and family oriented activities. Cultural values of API families are so strong that no matter what part of San Diego one may move to APIs always return to the communities where they were raised.

Young adults from all over North County go to Mira Mesa's recent development of Marketplace where there's a theater, several commercialized businesses, and late night coffee shops. It has become a central location for social gatherings for North County residents.

Most young APIs of my generation are college educated and working in our community. We are interested in improving our own socio-economic status but are also interested in improving the way of life for all APIs. We recognize that our voices can be heard if we stay together and speak out about fairness and equality for all. We vote and believe that we can make a difference in the future if we can elect representatives who are responsive to our communities' needs.

I ask the Commission to draw a district that keeps Rancho Penasquitos, Mira Mesa, Rancho Bernardo, Carmel Valley, and Poway together. By combining our APIA neighborhoods, we will have a stronger voice to have fair representation over the next ten years.

TESTIMONY OF KIM-THOA HOANG  
At Public Hearing Held By  
COMMISSIONERS OF CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
For The State of California  
DATE: MAY 14, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

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My name is Kim-Thoa Hoang. I have resided for thirty years in San Diego County. I have been a long time advocate in the Asian Pacific Islander community, active in community outreach and student educational programs, through professional affiliations as well as personal volunteer commitment. As a staunch advocate for voter participation and community building, I have been active on the San Diego County Registrar of Voter's Language Assistance Advisory Board and frequently serve as mistress of ceremonies for festivals and community events in the Vietnamese community in San Diego.

I speak today about two areas in San Diego. The first area is Linda Vista, which is west of the 163 highway and a bit north of the 8 highway. This is an older, lower-income community with a sizable population of Southeast Asians, including Vietnamese and Hmong. The attached map shows the Vietnamese population in Linda Vista.

The residents of Linda Vista have several common interests. It is an older, established residential area of lower-income residents. Former military housing has been converted into low income apartments for residents. There is accessible public transportation. Public schools are within walking distance from many of the surrounding apartments and homes. There is a Vietnamese shopping center featuring Vietnamese-owned businesses and retail stores including a large Vietnamese supermarket.

Although Linda Vista is not geographically adjacent to other areas with concentrated AAPI populations and probably cannot be connected to those areas in a district, I ask that the Commission keep Linda Vista intact and not divided.

The second area is an area consisting of parts of City Heights, El Cerrito, Redwood Village (formerly Darnall) and Oak Park. This area is east of the Freeway 15 along El Cajon Boulevard to the north and areas to the north east of Freeway 805 where it intersects Freeway 94.

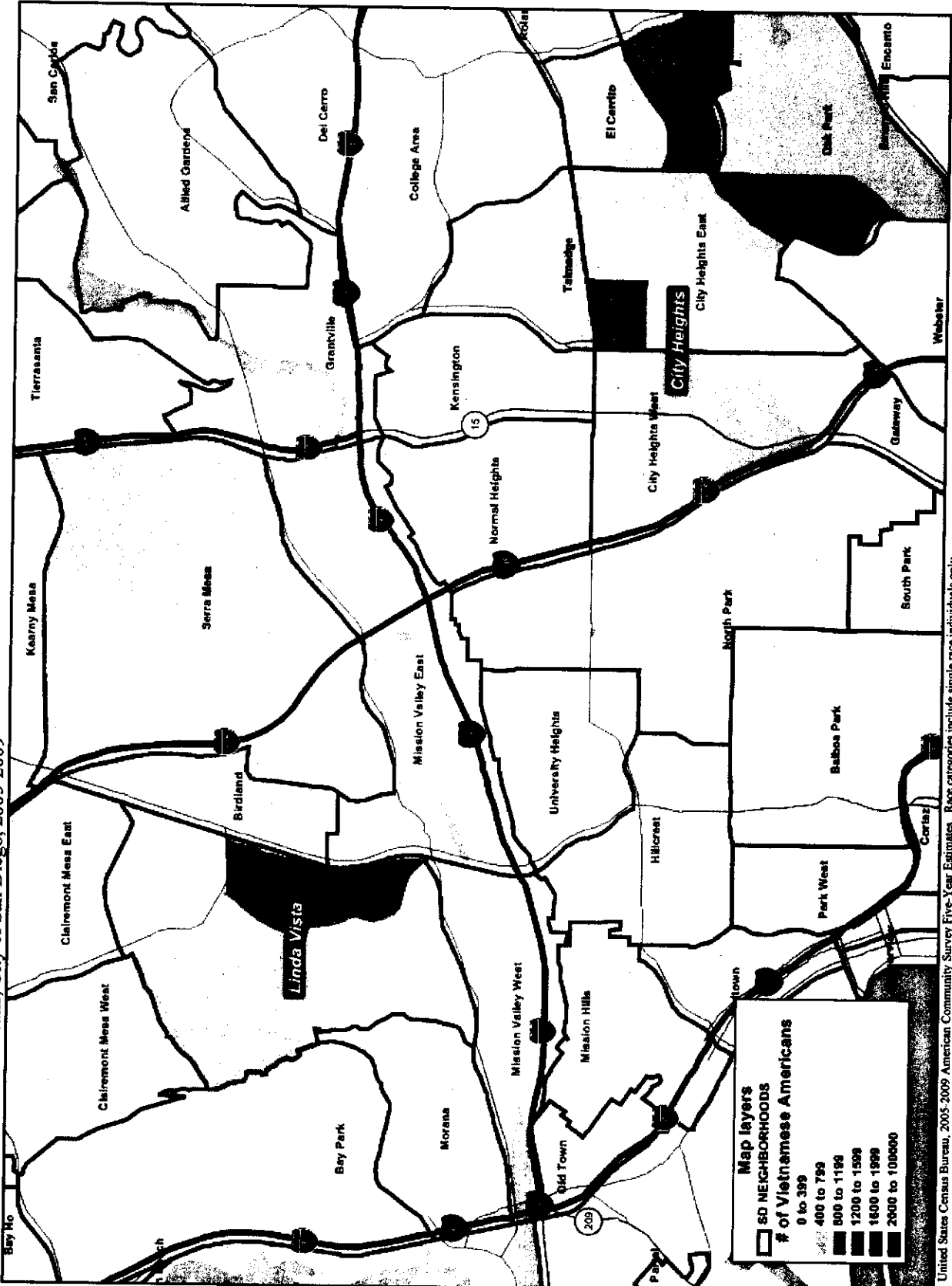
Some community members have engaged in attempts to have the area along El Cajon Boulevard between Highland Avenue and Euclid Avenue designated as Little Saigon.

This area is racially diverse and is home to a large population of new immigrants, including Southeast Asians. The attached map shows the Vietnamese population in City Heights, El Cerrito, Redwood Village/Darnall and Oak Park.

The residents in this area have access to numerous Vietnamese owned businesses. They primarily speak Vietnamese as their first language and understand very little English. They shop at Vietnamese grocery and retail stores, patronize health, dental, and other professional businesses, and attend churches and temples in the area where Vietnamese is spoken.

*Map Submitted in Support of the Testimony of Kim-Thoa Hoang  
Public Input Hearing: May 14, 2011 in San Diego, CA*

Number of Vietnamese Americans, City of San Diego, 2005-2009<sup>1</sup>





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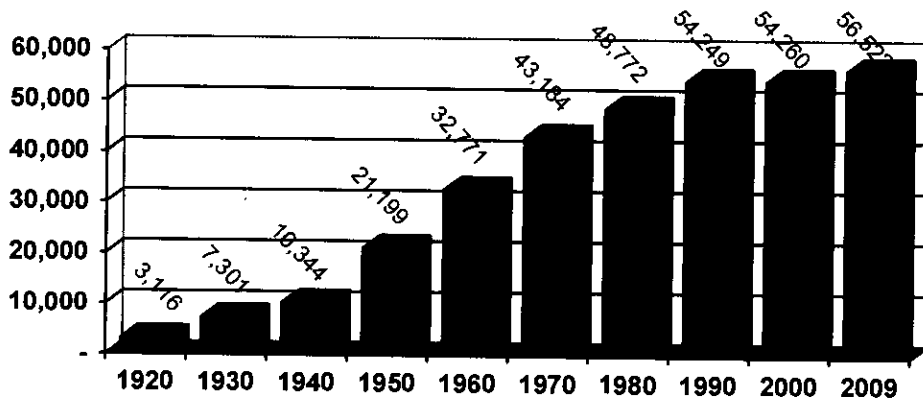
Dear Commissioners:

My name is Alejandra Sotelo-Solis and I am a resident and the Vice Mayor of the City of National City. I respectfully request that as you draw the new boundaries, it is very important that you leave National City in the 79<sup>th</sup> Assembly District as well as the 40<sup>th</sup> Senatorial district- as the lines currently stand. We are a South Bay community in San Diego and share a common culture with our neighbors- Chula Vista and City of San Diego.

National City is located 5 miles south of downtown San Diego, on San Diego Bay in southern San Diego County, and 10 miles north of Baja California, Mexico. The City is bordered by San Diego to the north and east, Chula Vista to the south, the unincorporated areas of Lincoln Acres and Bonita to the south and southeast, and San Diego Bay to the west.

We host several annual events that are celebrated by our region, including our "bike across the bay" event which passes through National City, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Kimball Park, and our San Diego Mana Health Fair at Kimball Park. These events cater to our residents, business owners and provide important services to the neediest in our community.

The City is over one hundred years old and has a population of over 57,000. However, most of it was built between 1940 and 1970. This is reflected by its population growth and the age of its housing.



Office of the City Council – Alejandra Sotelo-Solis

National City, CA 91950-4301



Our community demographics include that:

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	#	%	#	%
Hispanic	36,546	63%	32,053	59.1%
White	5,620	10%	7,653	14.1%
Asian & Pacific Islander	11,314	20%	10,551	19.4%
Black	2,615	5%	2,823	5.2%
Two or More Races	1,425	2%	1,180	2.2%
Total	57,799	100%	54,260	100%

**Race and Ethnicity**  
(Census, 1980-2000 and SANDAG,  
2010 Estimate)

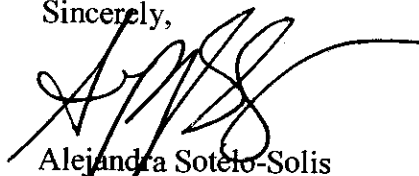
National City is nearly entirely developed with a mix of residential neighborhoods and industrial and commercial uses. Port facilities and adjacent industrial developments located at the City's bayfront are important to the region's economy. The "Mile of Cars" provides a specialized, regional use with easy access from Interstate 5 and the South Bay Freeway (Route 54). At the other end of the City is Plaza Bonita, the largest retail center in the South Bay. This regional mall is frequented by many Chula Vista and San Diego shoppers alike.

Three major employers are Paradise Valley Hospital, National School District and Naval Station San Diego. Although we have several big employers, 19.5 % of our population has an income level below the poverty level, 65% have no college education and 35% did not complete high school.

There is a benefit to National City having one legislative representative at each level (79<sup>th</sup> Assembly District & 40<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District) which includes Chula Vista and City of San Diego. As south Bay communities, we often work together on various issues, and our perspectives are often very similar and tied to each other. With as many common concerns as our cities have, it would be of great benefit to keep National City grouped together with the City of Chula Vista and the south bay communities of San Diego in those districts.

Thank you very much for your attention and consideration. Please feel free to contact me should you have any concerns at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



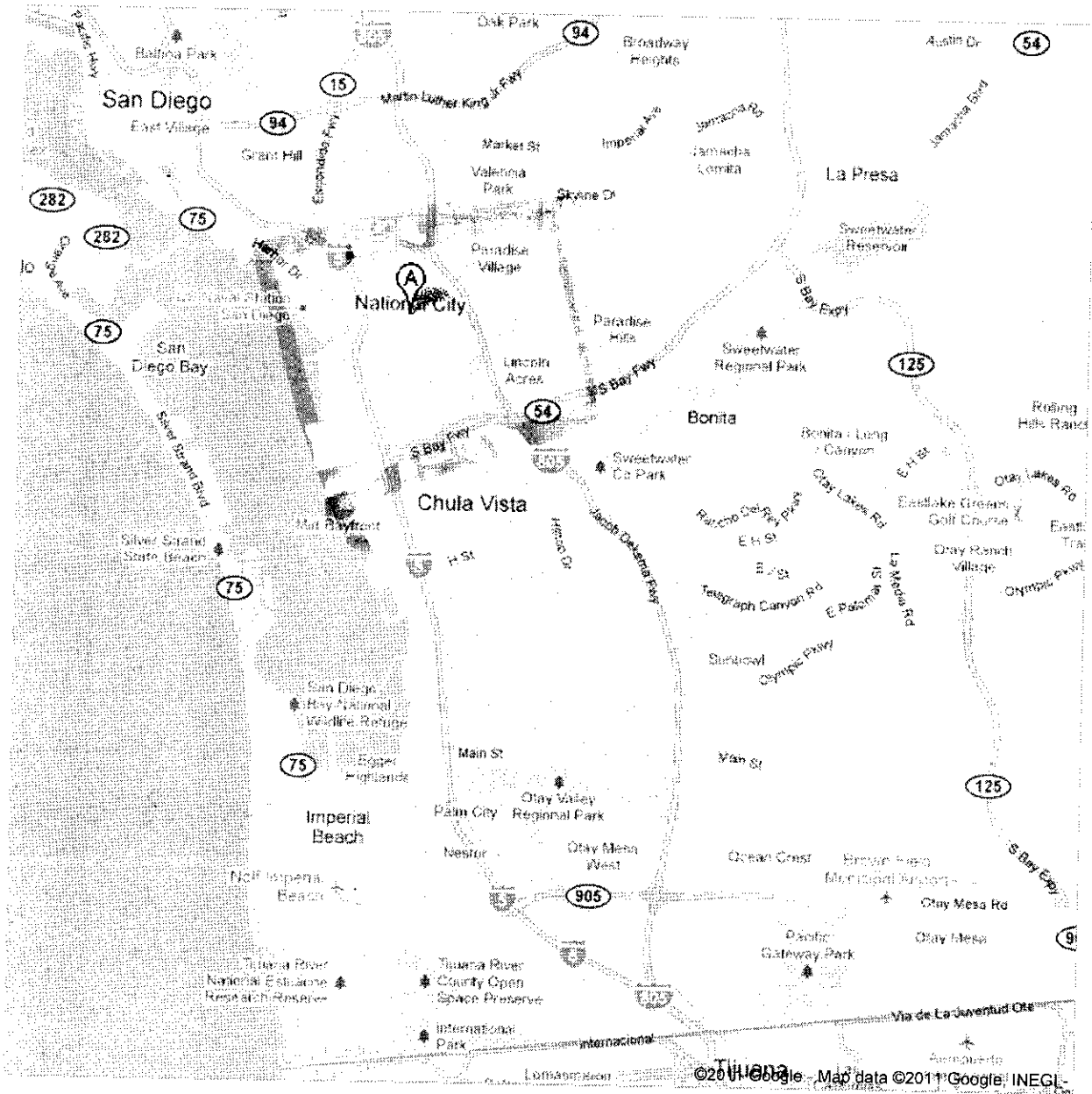
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Daniel Kikuo Ichinose, Demographic Research Project  
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*Testimony Presented to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
 Public Input Hearing: May 14, 2011 in San Diego, CA*

My name is Dan Ichinose and I direct the Demographic Research Project and Census Information Center at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center. I am here to present data supporting the testimony of stakeholders you've heard from this afternoon about two communities of interest in San Diego County.

Over one-third of Asian Americans and one-fifth of Pacific Islanders who live in San Diego County live in either the northern part of the city of San Diego around the neighborhood of Mira Mesa or in the southern part of the county near National City and Chula Vista. Table San Diego 1 shows the size and concentration of Asian American and Pacific Islander population in 11 cities and neighborhoods in these two areas.

*Table San Diego 1: Asian American, Pacific Islander Population in San Diego County Cities / Neighborhoods, 2010<sup>1</sup>*

Region	City / Neighborhood	2010 Population			
		Asian American		Pacific Islander	
		#	%	#	%
North	San Diego / Carmel Valley	12,468	28%	162	0%
	San Diego / Kearny Mesa	674	26%	60	2%
	San Diego / Mira Mesa	35,624	51%	994	1%
	San Diego / Rancho Bernardo	7,830	19%	261	1%
	San Diego / Rancho Penasquitos	18,691	33%	439	1%
	San Diego / Sorrento Valley	1,001	34%	9	0%
South	Bonita	1,510	12%	140	1%
	Chula Vista	41,840	17%	2,746	1%
	National City	11,771	20%	777	1%
	San Diego / Bay Terrace	16,029	51%	586	2%
	San Diego / Paradise Hills	4,289	26%	433	3%
<b>SAN DIEGO COUNTY</b>		<b>407,984</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>30,626</b>	<b>1%</b>

<sup>1</sup> United States Census Bureau, 2010 Census PL94-171. Race categories include both single race and multiracial individuals.

In the northern part of the city of San Diego, one community of interest includes the neighborhoods of Carmel Valley, Sorrento Valley, Mira Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, and Rancho Bernardo. In the southern part of San Diego County, another community of interest includes National City, Paradise Hills, Bay Terrace, Bonita, and Chula Vista.

In each of these two areas, cities and neighborhoods have much in common. Table San Diego 2 shows the per capita income, percent of population that is foreign-born, and percent of population that is limited-English proficient in each city or neighborhood.

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TESTIMONY OF IVAN PENETRANTE  
At Public Hearing Held By  
COMMISSIONERS OF CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
For The State of California  
DATE: MAY 14, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

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My name is Ivan Penetrante. I currently reside with my family in Chula Vista and have been there for over 13 years. I am an educator in the Sweetwater Union High School District which includes schools in National City, Chula Vista, Imperial Beach and San Diego. I am a community organizer with Anakbayan, San Diego (a youth organization that addresses social issues in the Filipino community).

There is a community of interest primarily comprised of Filipino Americans and other Asian Pacific Islanders (APIs) located in the South County including Paradise Hills, East National City, Bonita, Bay Terrace, Alta Vista, and Chula Vista. A large amount of API families from this community have strong ties to military service. I, as a second generation Filipino American, consider myself a "navy brat" as do many of my peers from this community of interest.

Prior to moving to Chula Vista, my family had resided in Paradise Hills. The migration away from the Paradise Hills/National City neighborhoods to nearby developing areas has been a common trend among Filipino American families. However, we are still drawn to this "hub" of our community because strong familial and social ties remain. Our roots are firmly planted there.

We also frequent the areas of Paradise Hills and National City which have a number of Fil-Am businesses and institutions that serve our community. APIs from the areas of Chula Vista, Bonita, Bay Terrace and Alta Vista have a strong economic impact on the local economy there. This is evident by the number of markets, restaurants, newspapers, etc. in National City whose target market is our API community.

We ask the Commission to draw a district that keeps Filipinos and other API residents of South County with the community institutions we rely upon in National City. We ask the Commission to keep our community together and not divide it. By keeping our communities intact, we will have a stronger voice and will no longer be underrepresented.

Thank you for your consideration.



To: California Citizens Redistricting Committee  
Date: May 14, 2011  
Re: Citizen Comment on "Orange County Community of Interest"

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I respectfully submit this input:

The Redistricting Commission has been charged with drawing geographical districts which maintain geographic integrity of localities, neighborhoods, and communities of interest. There are many factors which bind the residents of our primarily suburban family-oriented Orange County into a community of interest, among which are the following:

- Geographically Orange County is compact and contiguous from coastal to inland.
- Property tax which is paid to the County of Orange for certain services and amenities provided to its constituent cities.
- The cities of Orange County share government: the <sup>Orange AB</sup> County, the Transportation Authority, which collects Measure M funds as a ¼% sales tax on goods sold in Orange County to be used for the improvement of roads and transportation throughout the County; and the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) comprised of five districts in Orange County which partners with Orange County School Districts to provide over 500,000 students with a world class education and which serves as a connecting agency among Orange County school districts, community college districts, and community organizations.
- The cities of Orange County share local media.

With this in mind, it makes no sense why

- **At the State Assembly level the Orange County city(s) of**
  1. San Clemente should be combined with San Diego County as part of San Diego's District 73;
  2. Rancho Santa Margarita and North Tustin and parts of Orange should be combined to become Riverside County District 71;
  3. Villa Park, Anaheim Hills, and Yorba Linda should be combined with Riverside, San Bernardino *and* LA Counties as part of District 60;
  4. Buena Park and La Palma should be combined with LA County into LA's District 56; and
  5. Why beach cities should be combined with foothill communities, each of which have their own special communities of interest.
- **At the State Senate level the Orange County city(s) of**
  1. San Clemente is combined with San Diego County into San Diego's District 38; while
  2. Placentia, Yorba Linda, Brea and La Habra are combined with LA *and* San Bernardino Counties into District 29.
- **At the Congressional level the Orange County city(s) of**
  1. San Clemente, a beach city, and San Juan Capistrano should be combined with Riverside County 44;
  2. Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita which is contiguous to San Juan Capistrano, Yorba Linda Brea and Placentia should be combined with San Bernardino *and* LA Counties into District 42; while district 46 must meander through LA County to include Huntington Beach.
  3. Why beach cities should be combined with foothill communities, each of which have their own special communities of interest, *environmentally, economically & geographically.*

A fair and reasonable redistricting would maintain the compactly and geographically contiguous county lines of the County of Orange to honor the community of interest of the cities of Orange and its population. A fair plan would create the requisite number of Congressional, State Assembly and Senate districts entirely within the confines of Orange County. Based on the 2010 U.S. Census, Orange County has a right to 4.3 dedicated Congressional delegates but is presently represented by only 3; and is entitled to 6.5 dedicated California Assembly seats, but is presently represented by only 5. We will submit a draft redistricting map in the near future to address these concerns.

Respectfully,  
Anita Meister-Boyd  
Newport Coast, CA 92657

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## 2011 State Redistricting Commission

### Presentation by the Tierrasanta Community and Town Council

Points and reasoning why Tierrasanta(TS) should be put back together and the splitting up of our neighborhood that was done in 2001 should be undone.

#### Assembly District

##### Situation after 2001

- Tierrasanta was sliced into 3 Assembly districts(76,77,78)
- 70% of the population is currently in 77<sup>th</sup>
- 3% of the population is in the 78<sup>th</sup>
- Representation for a community that has about 32,000 persons, done by 3 Assembly districts is not just unfair it is ridiculous
- Residents don't know who to go to for issues. Every time someone calls us, we have to scramble to look at a map.
- Neighbors in the same city planning district, who live on the same street are represented by a different State Assembly members

##### Desired outcome in 2011

- Tierrasanta should be put back together into 1 Assembly district
- Since 70% of Tierrasanta is already in the 77<sup>th</sup>, it makes sense to move the entire community into the 77<sup>th</sup>.
- This would make the community geographically compact, all areas have reasonable access, contiguous, and have total communities of interest.
- After reviewing this issue for months, we found no valid reason why the community was split up and no valid reason to have it remain that way.

## **Senate District**

### **Situation after 2001**

- Tierrasanta was sliced into 2 Senate Districts(36 and 39)
- 90% of the population is currently in 36th
- 10% of the population is currently in 39th
- Representation for a community that has about 32,000 persons, done by 2 Senate Districts is not just unfair it is ridiculous
- Residents don't know who to go to for issues. Every time someone calls us, we have to scramble to look at a map
- Neighbors in the same city planning district, who live on the same street are represented by a different State Assembly members

### **Desired outcome in 2011**

- Tierrasanta should be put back together into 1 Senate district
- Since 90% of Tierrasanta is already in the 36<sup>th</sup>, it makes sense to move the entire community into the 36<sup>th</sup>
- This would make the community geographically compact, all areas have reasonable access, contiguous, and have total communities of interest.
- After reviewing this issue for months, we found no valid reason why the community was split up and no valid reason to have it remain that way

## **Congressional district 52nd**

- The entire community is in the 52<sup>nd</sup> and we see no reason to move or change.

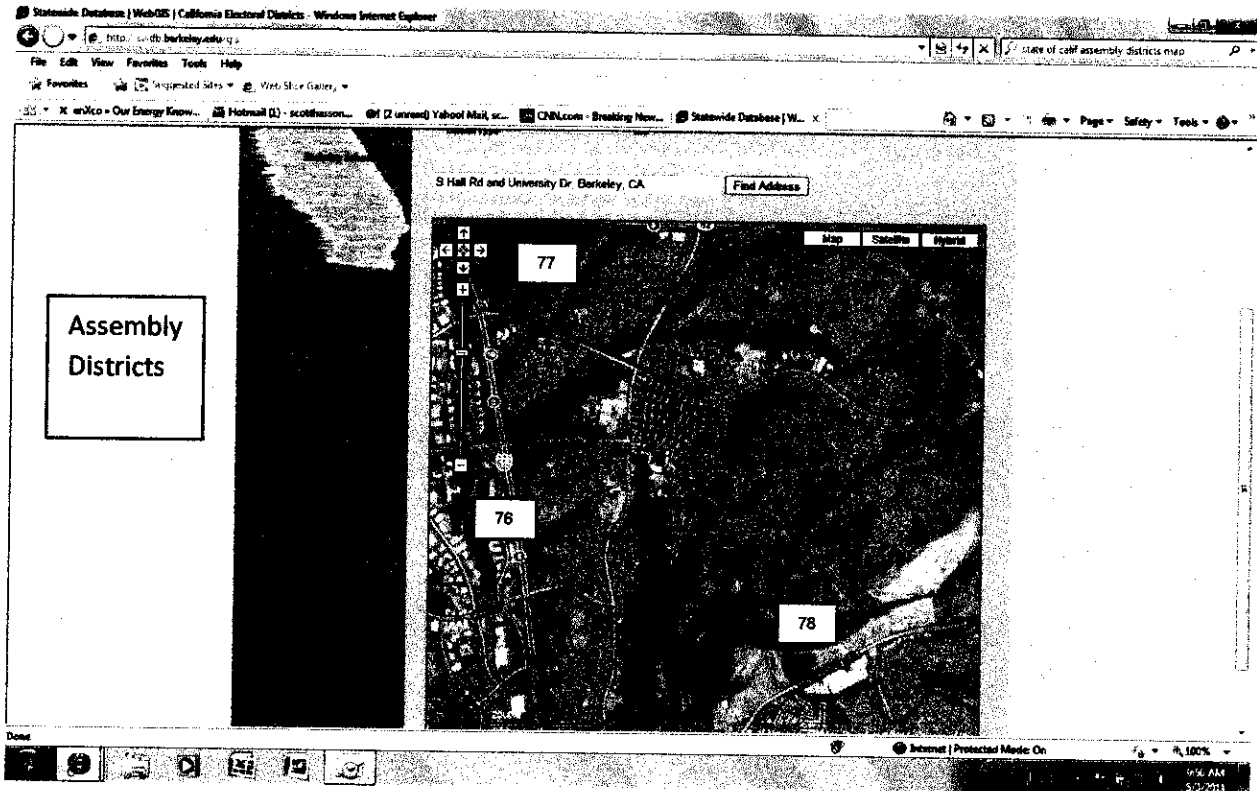
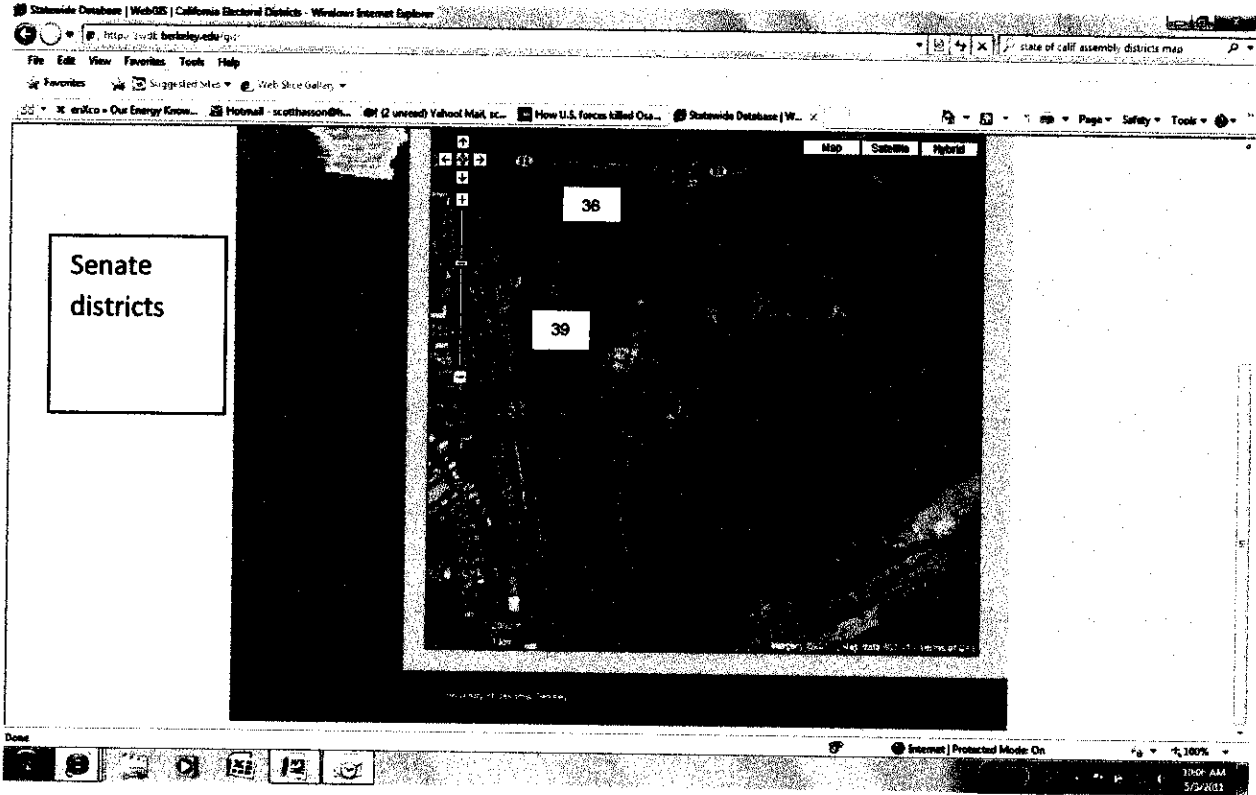
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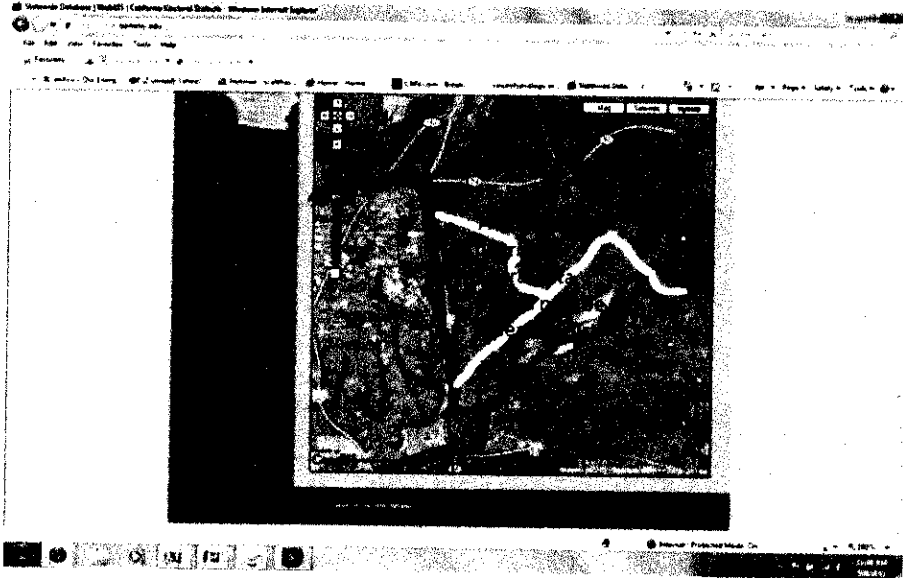
- We have issue with the equalization district lines.

NO

### **Submitted by:**

Scott Hasson, President Tierrasanta Community and Town Council





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TESTIMONY OF JOE LONG  
At Public Hearing Held By  
COMMISSIONERS OF CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
For The State of California  
DATE: MAY 14, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

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My name is Joe Long. I am a resident of San Diego and community activist in the Vietnamese American community.

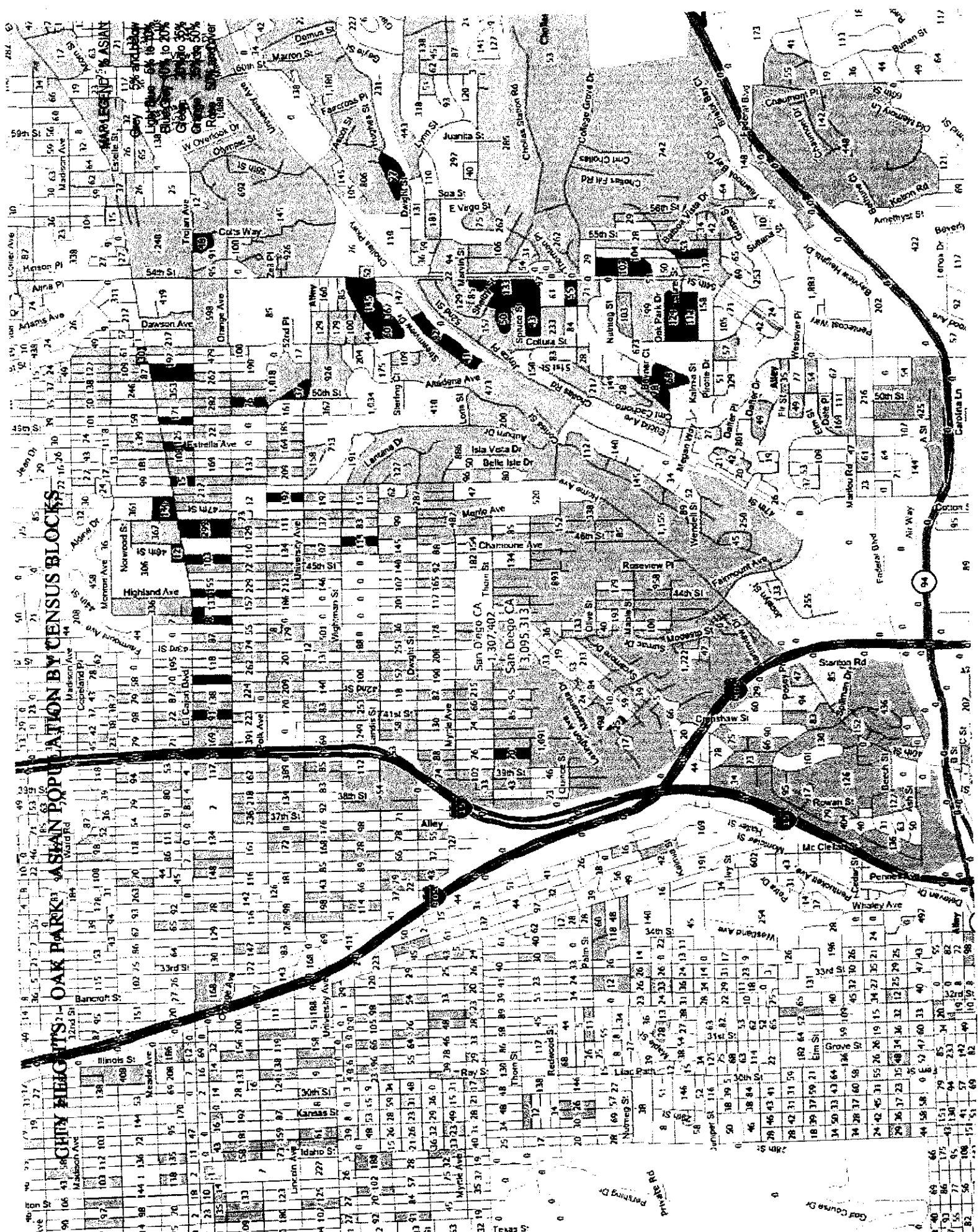
The areas in San Diego referred to as City Heights East and Oak Park have a significant Vietnamese population. This area is east of the Freeway 15 along El Cajon Boulevard to the north and areas to the northeast of Freeway 805 where 805 intersects Freeway 94. I have attached a map of this area which shows where Asians live.

In City Heights East some community leaders are attempting to have the area along El Cajon Boulevard between Highland Avenue and Euclid Avenue designated as Little Saigon.

The residents in these areas have access to numerous Vietnamese owned businesses. They primarily speak Vietnamese as their first language and many understand very little English. They shop at Vietnamese grocery and retail stores, patronize health, dental, and other professional businesses, and attend churches and temples in the area where Vietnamese is spoken.

I respect the interests that Latinos in City Heights have in being drawn into a Voting Rights Act district.

At the same time, I ask the Commission to draw a second district to the east that includes as much of the Vietnamese American residents in City Heights East and Oak Park as well as other surrounding communities to the east such as El Cerrito and Redwood Village formerly known as Darnall. This would include, but not limited to, east of Freeway 15 and north of Freeway 94 where it intersects Freeway 805, parts of El Cajon Boulevard, University Avenue, Orange Avenue. The interests of the Vietnamese American community would be served best by keeping as much of their residents together and by joining them with other Asian Pacific Islanders in the adjoining district which is now Assembly District 78.



**CITY HEIGHTS OAK PARK ASIAN POPULATION BY CENSUS BLOCKS**

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TESTIMONY OF MARITA FERRER  
At Public Hearing Held By  
COMMISSIONERS OF CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
For The State of California

DATE: MAY 14, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

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My name is Marita Ferrer. I am a long time resident of San Diego County and live in east Chula Vista. I am a registered nurse and have been a long time community activist with a special focus on health care. I am the President of the Council of Philippine American Organizations (COPAO), a nonprofit organization, whose offices have been located in National City for over 40 years. COPAO has over 50 Fil-Am member organizations from all over San Diego County.

National City is the hub for social, cultural, health and economic interests and needs of Filipino Americans as well as the larger Asian Pacific Islander (API) communities of Paradise Hills, Bay Terrace, Bonita and Chula Vista. APIs come to National City to work, socialize, worship, shop and access health and social services.

There are more than 20 FilAm institutions located in east National City. There are three supermarkets, four newspapers and over a hundred small businesses owned or operated by FilAms. There are plans for a Filipino Village on East Plaza Boulevard in National City.

Paradise Valley Hospital in east National City (South Euclid Avenue and East 8<sup>th</sup> Street) employs a large number of Filipino health practitioners. The hospital also serves Filipino food and access to the Filipino Channel to accommodate the large number of Filipino patients. Operation Samahan, a Fil Am nonprofit health center in National City, provides medical, dental, mental health counselling, and senior citizens services to all low income residents in the area.

COPAO provides many activities in National City for APIs including an annual Philippine Faire and parade, Philippine consular services, and income tax assistance program for low income residents.

We ask the Commission to draw a district that keeps together the API population in National City with APIs from the surrounding areas of Paradise Hills, Bay Terrace, Bonita and Chula Vista in what is now Assembly District 78. Attached are six maps showing sections of National City, Paradise Hills, and Chula Vista where Asians live.







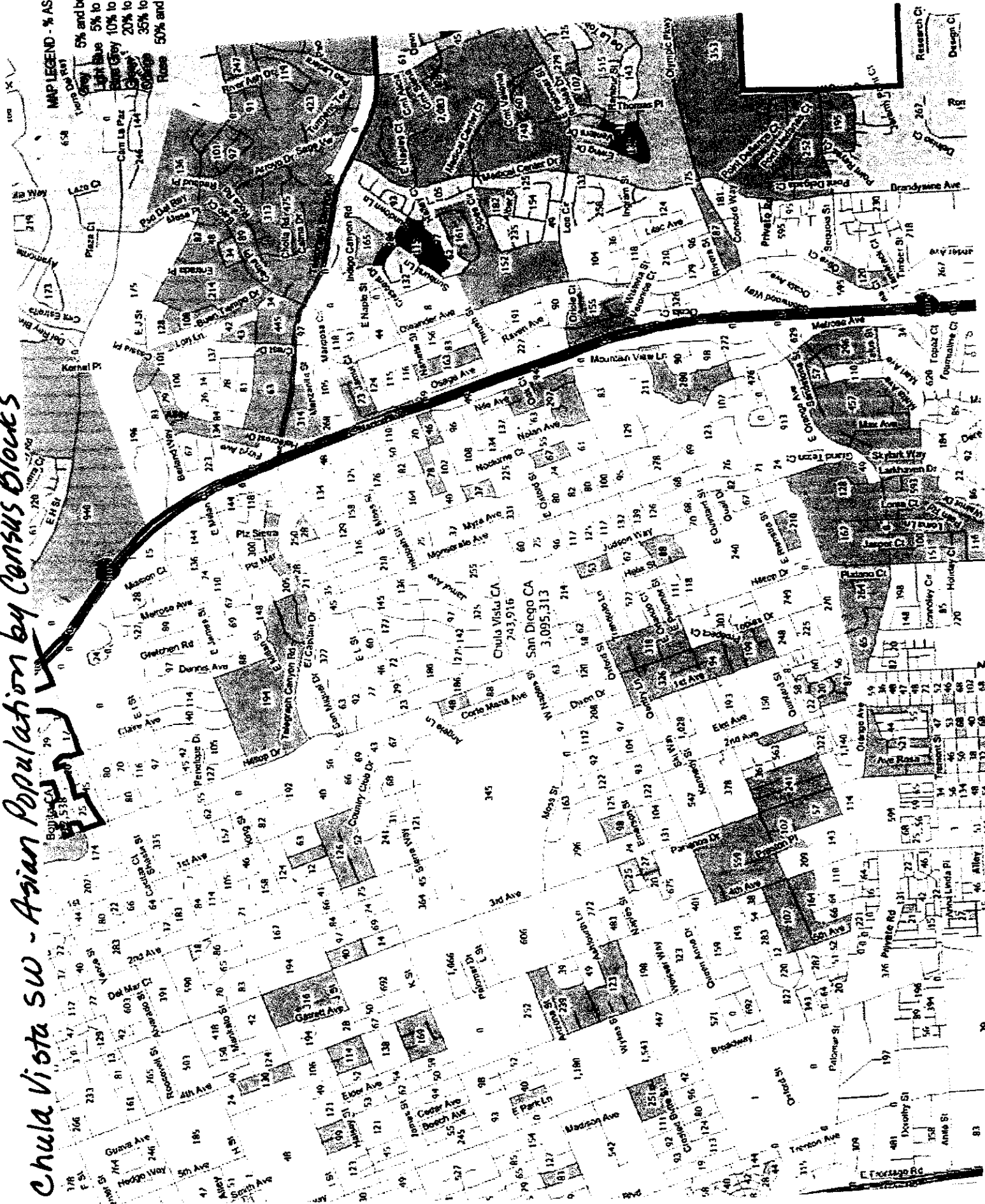




# Chula Vista SW - Asian Population by Census Blocks

MAP LEGEND - % ASIAN

- Light Gray 5% and below
- Light Blue 5% to 10%
- Medium Gray 10% to 20%
- Dark Gray 20% to 35%
- Black 35% to 50%
- White 50% and over



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TESTIMONY OF VIRGIL YALONG  
At Public Hearing Held By  
COMMISSIONERS OF CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
For The State of California  
DATE: MAY 14, 2011      LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

I am Virgil Yalong. I grew up in Paradise Hills. I attend church at St. Mary's Catholic Church in National City which congregation is predominantly Filipino. I am actively involved with numerous community activities involving youth in the Filipino American community in National City.

Paradise Hills, Bay Terrace, and National City have a predominantly Filipino population. Morse High School in Paradise Hills where I attended has a student population of 43% Filipino, 34% Latino, and 17% African American. One of the community of interests shared by Paradise Hills, Bay Terrace, and National City residents is public safety. Their main concern is reduction of crime and youth gang activity.

The San Diego Police Department has a Community Relations Officer assigned to the residents of Paradise Hills and Bay Terraces to meet and respond to the residents about public safety and to keep an open dialogue with youth about gang activity. There are public recreation centers in and bordering the neighborhood for young people which include Charles L. Lewis III Memorial Skate Park,<sup>161</sup> Paradise Hills Recreation Center,<sup>171</sup> and Penn Athletic Field.

There is constant outreach by Fil Am organizations to keep youth involved in positive activities. Both Kalusugan Community Center and COPAO in National City have cultural festivals which get young people to help in organizing and setting up the festivals as well as participating in cultural entertainment. They organize or sponsor at least three separate cultural festivals every year. One of the festivals, FilAmFest, is held in Paradise Hills and is specifically and uniquely designed to highlight Fil Am hip hop singers and other current entertainment. The FilAmFest attracts 15,000 attendees, mostly Filipino teenagers, from National City, East Chula Vista, Paradise Hills, Bay Terrace, Bonita and from Mira Mesa and north.

I request that Asians Pacific Islanders be kept together in Paradise Hills, Bay Terrace and National City together with other Asians Pacific Islanders in Chula Vista and Bonita because of common social and economic community of interests. Thank you.