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June 20, 2011

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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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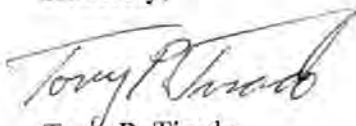
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Imperial County shares many common interests with Eastern Riverside County and all those of us who live here or even those who have visited the Southeast Desert would attest to this. Our population's characteristics and cultures are closely tied, our economies are closely linked, and we share many similar challenges such as; the Salton Sea and its restoration efforts, the New River and its threat to public health, poor air quality due to high particulate matter in our shared air basin, and limited options for higher educational institutions (no CSU or UC main campuses).

Similarly, both Valley's also share many positive attributes which include, vast natural resources which have already put us on the map as the hub for Renewable Energy generation potential, Enterprise Zones and other incentive programs for businesses, shared service territory in the Imperial Irrigation District (public utility company), agricultural based economies which have provided jobs to local farm workers, shared waterways and canals, and deep cultural ties between families in both Valleys.

We deserve representation at the Federal and State level that takes into account the needs of our desert community and does not simply lump us with San Diego only because we share the U.S. - Mexico Border. Furthermore, this Commission has an opportunity to embolden our California Congressional delegation by assigning two representatives to the U.S. - Mexico Border rather than keeping the status-quo. The current district draft maps will disenfranchise our communities and continue to keep us in the shadows of our large urban communities to the west. Please reconsider your initial draft and listen to the request of Imperial County residents.

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Currently, California's 51st Congressional District and 40th State Senate District represent southeastern San Diego and Imperial County; while California's 80th State Assembly District represents both Imperial and Riverside counties. It is my strong belief that it would be a more fair and equitable approach in representing the 51st Congressional District and 40th State Senate District if the district boundaries were to be drawn similarly to those established for the 80th State Assembly District. If the proposed district boundaries drafted by the Citizens Redistricting Commission are implemented, the result will only be that of further disenfranchising the communities of Imperial County.

The basis for my suggestion stems from the 2010 census that shows a Hispanic or Latino origin population of 77.3% and 44.7% for Imperial and Riverside counties respectively, in comparison to San Diego County's 31.3%. It is of great fundamental importance that minorities of the Desert Region receive comparable representation within the 51st Congressional and 40th State Senate Districts as those found in the 80th State Assembly District. The question we all should be asking ourselves is what do we have in common with San Diego? Definitely not our average income or our unemployment rate and the fact that three quarters of the Imperial County is Latino and three quarters of Eastern San Diego County is White. Furthermore, the chances of electing a local person to our Congressional or State Senate Districts will be slim to none.

Will we sit idle and allow Section 2 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act to be violated at our expense? We'll have no one to blame but ourselves if we don't make an earnest attempt to be heard. That responsibility lies with every local voter and those elected to represent us. The time to act is now!

Sincerely,

Tony P. Tirado

OUR VIEW

THE ISSUE:

Imperial County is losing out when it comes to redrawing district line.

WE SAY:

We need to be at Monday's meeting in San Diego to send a message.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Send us your thoughts on this topic to www.ivpressonline.com/letterstotheeditor

We may be small but our voices must be heard

Under the new proposed state Senate and Assembly districts, Imperial County has just about lost any power it had gained over the last decade.

While we enjoyed our time sharing representation with the Coachella Valley, where we have many similarities, geographically, socially, culturally and economically, the proposed Senate and Assembly maps before us have basically split Imperial County from Coachella and joined us with southeastern San Diego County.

In short, we've basically gone from having a somewhat unbalanced share of the power pie with Coachella, to being dwarfed by the metropolitan nature of San Diego County. That will make getting legitimate local representation elected — real homegrown, homespun talent — virtually impossible for at least another decade, until the next Census calls for another round of redistricting.

Of course this is all proposed and not quite final. At least that's what we are being told. The state redistricting commission's Web site said public hearings would be held in every corner of the state, so that no area was left un- or underrepresented. That is simply untrue.

The nearest public hearing on the proposed remapping of the representational lines will be two hours away, in San Diego, on a Monday night, no less.

Officials involved in the process and citizens might be limited to two-minute presentations and there are no guarantees all voices will be heard as the hearing will last a scant three hours, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Still, local officials and citizens need to be present, and try to make their voices heard. Ideally, Imperial County wants to stay aligned with Coachella. It's in our best interest, and it's really the best shot we have at strong representation that isn't overshadowed by a much larger and much more powerful neighbor.

Coachella knows we want to stay attached to them, and that's why Imperial County was thrown under the bus so badly by Coachella Valley residents during a redistricting committee meeting in Palm Desert last month. Coachella has no interest in being tied to the Imperial Valley.

We need to be in San Diego on Monday night. It's imperative. Imperial County officials will be there, ready to take up the local cause. Citizens and others turning out en masse could further help send that message that we will not be taken lightly.

Our voice is too important to lose. If we're going to go down in this fight, we need to go down swinging. Ten years is too long to wait to get another shot at equal representation.

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June 20, 2011

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Jesus J. Terrazas
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
County of Imperial

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Hello, I am Jack Terrazas, I am the Chairman of the Imperial County Board of Supervisors and am here tonight at the request of my board to provide you with our thoughts on the redistricting proposals that you put forth two weeks ago.

First you should know that Imperial is California's youngest county because it was only a little more than 100 years ago that we separated from San Diego to enable us to have more of a voice in California politics.

Over the years since then, we have shared legislative districts with San Diego County to our West and with Riverside County to our North.

Clearly we are too small to be our own district, so we must align with neighboring communities of interest. Being contiguous does not necessarily make us a community of interest. There are areas in San Diego that we could be aligned with where we share interests, but your draft SENATE and ASSEMBLY districts do not connect us with those areas.

If we are to align with San Diego, we need to be connected with those South San Diego County communities that share the U.S./Mexico border region and ports-of-entry which is a major component of our economic and cultural ties.

We also share interests with portions of the Coachella Valley in Riverside County. Just to tick off a few commonalities, look at

the Salton Sea as a Community of interest and mutual concern; our shared agricultural industry; a common air basin which is giving us challenges; we both share vast desert regions which are being developed with a new renewable energy industry; even our electricity comes from the publicly owned Imperial Irrigation District which is also one of the major employers in Coachella and Imperial.

In short, we are economically and culturally more similar to the eastern Coachella Valley, than those communities are with the adjacent but more affluent cities to their north and west. We are more like Coachella, Indio, Mecca, Thermal and Blythe than they are like La Quinta, Indian Wells, or Palm Springs.

We have prepared some sample maps and district profiles that look at aligning us either with the San Diego border communities or the Eastern Coachella communities or BOTH. We would like your staff to consider models like this as you finalize your maps.

We share more economic and cultural ties with these communities than we do with the mountains of Eastern San Diego that are next door but a million miles away economically, culturally, and politically.

Suggested changes to Commission-Proposed Imperial-San Diego
Assembly District

Presented by:

Jesus (Jack) Terrazas, Chairman

Imperial County Board of Supervisors

Presented to the Citizen's Redistricting Commission

San Diego Hearing

June 20, 2011

District Discription:

County of Imperial
San Diego County Border Region
Coachella Valley, Salton Sea Region

Description of Community:

The Assembly District depicted below consists of the portion of San Diego County that is immediately adjacent to the international border between California and Baja California, Mexico. The region is economically, culturally and socially tied to Mexico and is dependent upon a free flow of commerce between the two.

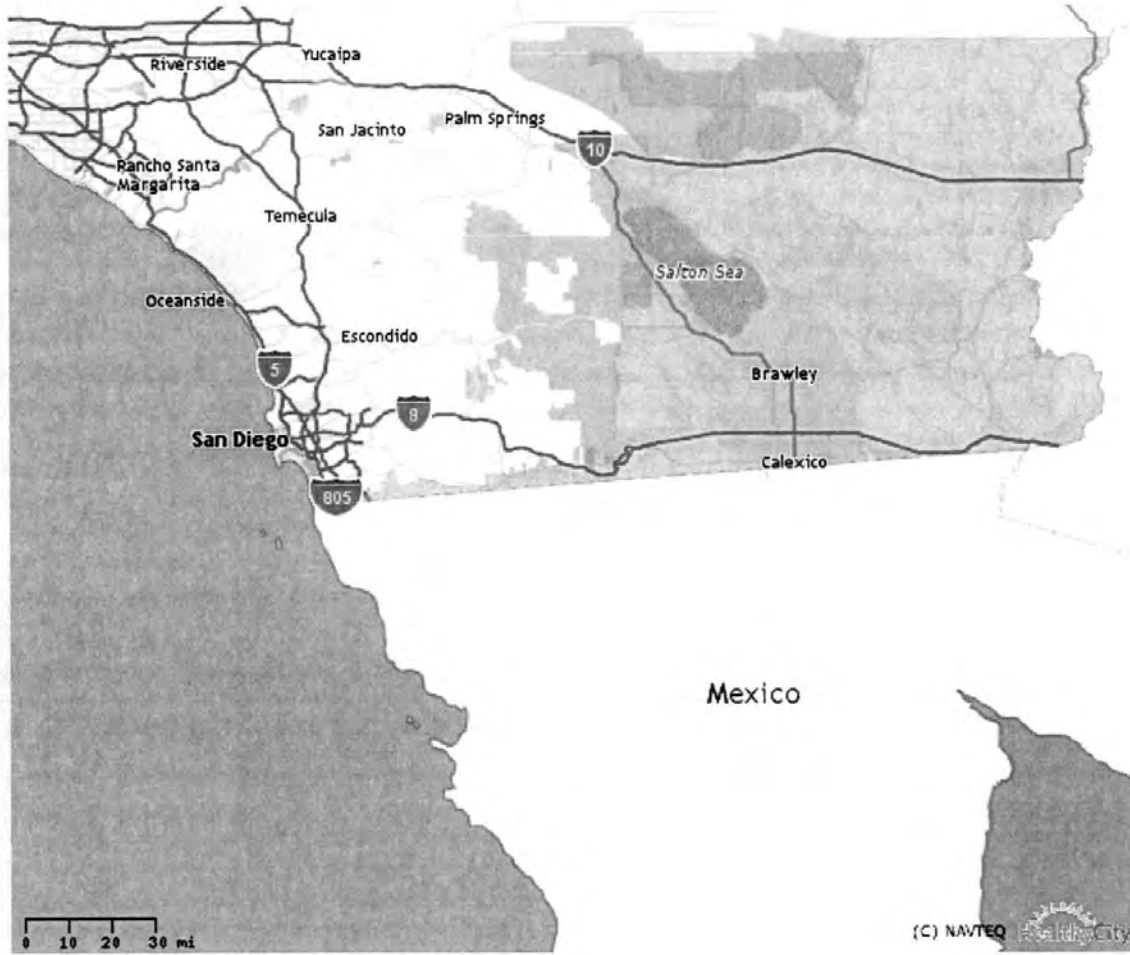
Imperial County is also included in the district because it is similarly dependent upon the border for retail commerce, social visits, employment and commerce. The U.S. Dept. of Commerce recently designated the San Diego/Imperial/Baja California area as an economic "Mega-Region" because of the mutual dependency of these areas for economic development.

The proposed district also includes the lower income portions of the Coachella Valley that surround the Salton Sea and continue over to the Eastern Boundaries of Riverside County to include the community of Blythe. These areas are similar ethnically, culturally, and geographically with the agricultural/desert regions that comprise Imperial County.

Additional Considerations:

- The proposed Assembly District is comprised of portions of San Diego County and Riverside County and all of Imperial County, with roughly 1/3 of the population of the district in each county thereby ensuring that all 3 segments will have equal community voting strength.
- The district connects several predominantly Latino areas with mutual interests in the border, agriculture and an evolving renewable energy industry.
- It is predominantly rural although there are several larger populations in San Ysidro/Imperial Beach; Calexico/El Centro/Brawley; and Coachella/Indio
- This district would include all of the Salton Sea which is a significant community of interest.
- This district is similar in concept to the current 40th Senatorial district, although with this concept all 3 counties will have relatively equal voting strength.
- Although the district we are proposing looks like a classic "gerrymand", in reality it is designed to connect similar populations who share a common interest in the border with Mexico and an economy that is based upon the border, agriculture, and an emerging renewable energy economy.

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Redistricting Data: Assembly District San Diego Border/Imperial County/Eastern Coachella Valley

The proposed district connects Latino populations in the border-dependent communities of San Diego and Imperial Counties with the Latino populations in the agriculturally rich Imperial and Coachella Valleys. Combining these areas creates a district that is 76% Latino which better reflects the population of Imperial County than the Commission-proposed alignment that would place Imperial County in district that would have only a 44% Latino population.

Population

Total Population: 462,279
 -0.73% variance from ideal population
 Original District
 546,875
 Ideal Population
 465,675

Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Total Population	462,279
Ideal	465,675
Variance	-0.73%
Original District	546,875

Citizen Voting Age Population

57.62% Hispanic or Latino
 4.02% Asian
 1.39% American Indian/Alaska Native
 6.01% Black or African American
 0.14% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone
 30.66% White Alone
 0.16% Two or More Races

Universe: Citizen Population 18 Years of Age or Older
 Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

	My District 80	Original District
Hispanic or Latino Citizen Voting Age Population	57.62% 133,543	43.48% 125,329
Asian	4.02% 9,312	2.28% 6,565
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.39% 3,215	1.54% 4,434
Black or African American	6.01% 13,929	4.86% 14,009

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	0.14% 334	0.10% 294
White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	30.66% 71,059	47.59% 137,170
Citizen Voting Age Population Belonging to the Remainder of Two or More Races, Not Hispanic or Latino	0.16% 377	0.16% 448

Ethnicity / Race

76.83% Hispanic or Latino
 15.76% White alone
 2.94% Black or African American alone
 2.77% Asian
 0.69% Some Other Race
 1.00% Two or More Races

Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Original District = Blue line

	My District 80	Original District
Hispanic or Latino	76.83% 355,171	65.31% 357,184
White alone	15.76% 72,874	27.84% 152,274
Black or African American alone	2.94% 13,609	2.98% 16,279
Asian	2.77% 12,814	2.05% 11,211
Some Other Race	0.69% 3,181	0.84% 4,597
Two or More Races	1.00% 4,630	0.97% 5,330

Additional Information

- In the past Imperial County has generally been combined with contiguous areas in Riverside County and San Diego County. This configuration combines the most similar parts of all three counties and combines them into a single district.
- Some Commissioners have expressed doubts regarding the Coachella/Imperial County region as sharing a community of interest due to the apparent geographic distance between the areas. It is important to note that the area between the population centers in Coachella and Imperial contain agricultural lands (which make us a community of interest); it contains the Salton Sea which is another community of interest; and it contains vast amounts of federal public land which is yet another similarity that is unique in this part of Southern California to these two areas.

The Coachella Valley portions of this district are also served by the Imperial Irrigation District which is a publicly owned electric company that is also a major employer on both sides of the county line. Many residents of the Coachella Valley also commute every day to jobs at the 2 state prisons in Imperial County, to the geothermal electric plants in the Salton Sea area, and to the agricultural fields in Imperial County. Similarly many north Imperial County residents shop in the Coachella Valley and use the airport in Palm Springs when travelling. The areas have many ties economically, culturally, ethnically, and socially.

These strong ties have been reflected in redistricting these areas throughout recent history. It is entirely appropriate that at least one of our legislative districts should continue to reflect the ongoing ties between these neighboring communities.

Surely there is more in common between Coachella/Indio and Brawley/El Centro in spite of the geography, than there is between Coachella/Indio and the adjacent neighbors in La Quinta/Indian Wells.

Conclusion

The Assembly district boundaries suggested in this proposal combines like populations in a contiguous 3 county region that will not disenfranchise the population of an entire county (Imperial) as would happen if the Commission-proposed "IMSAND" Assembly district alignment is adopted.

We have defined a community of interest that shares a border and agricultural economy that is unique within an otherwise urban-dominated Southern California.

Suggested changes to Commission-Proposed IMPSAN

Senate District

Presented by:

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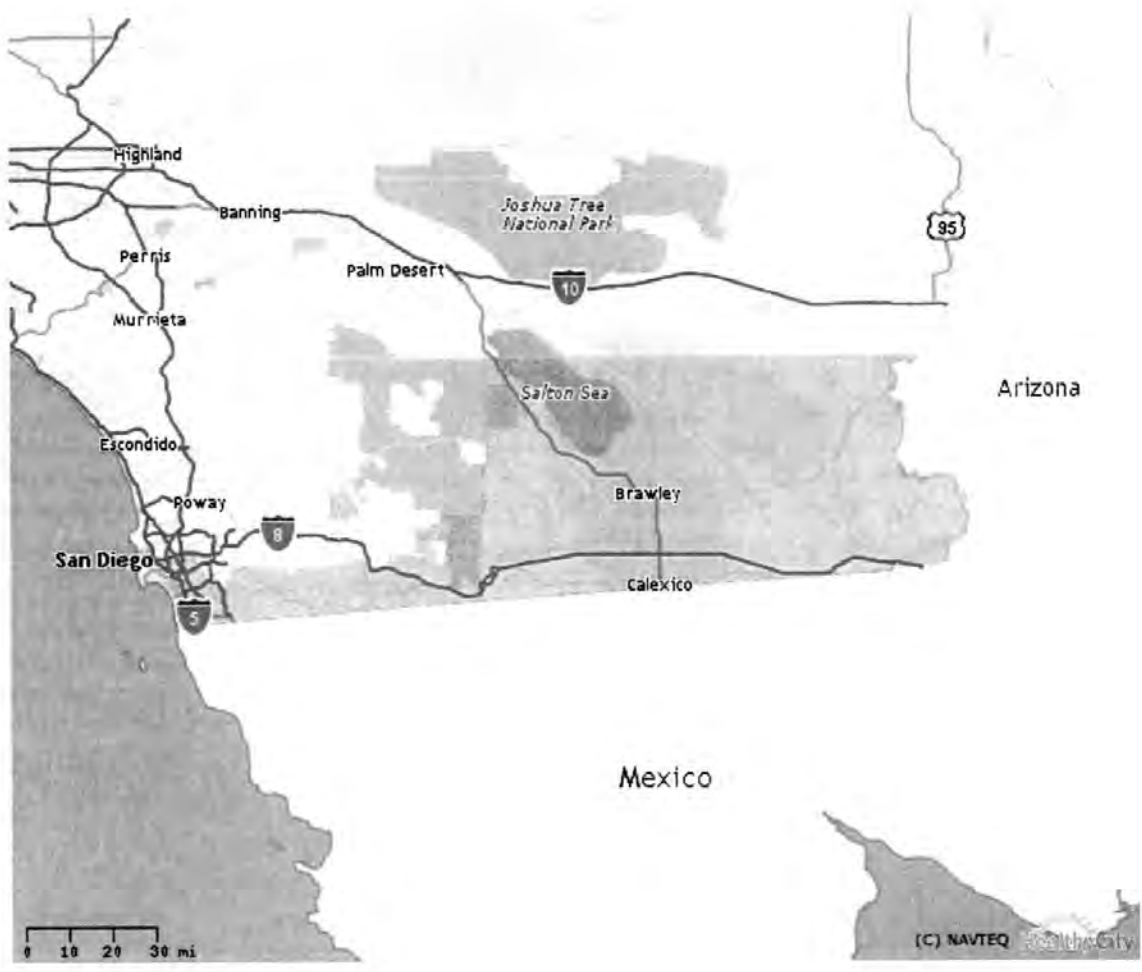
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IMPSAN

Description of Senate District

The Senate District depicted below consists of the portion of San Diego County that is immediately adjacent to the international border between California and Baja California, Mexico. The region is economically, culturally and socially tied to Mexico and is dependent upon a free flow of commerce between the two. The District also contains South San Diego County coastal communities of National City, Imperial Beach and Chula Vista and adjacent low income and latino communities of Barrio Logan and adjacent areas.

Imperial County is also included in the district because it is similarly dependent upon the border for retail commerce, social visits, employment and commerce. The U.S. Dept. of Commerce recently designated the San Diego/Imperial/Baja California area as an economic "Mega-Region" because of the mutual dependency of these areas for economic development.



Redistricting Data: IMPSAN

The proposed district will have a 60% latino population by combining the San Diego border region and adjacent latino neighborhoods with the heavily latino population in Imperial County.

The Commission proposal combines Imperial County with portions of San Diego County that have little in common with the chronically economically distressed and low income population in Imperial County. We are suggesting a different alignment with the portion of San Diego County that is border dependent and has more in common culturally, economically, and ethnically with Imperial.

Population

Total Population: 917,968
 -1.44% variance from ideal population

$$\frac{\text{Ideal Population} - \text{Original District}}{\text{Ideal Population}} = \frac{931,349 - 931,868}{931,349}$$

Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Total Population	917,968
Ideal	931,349
Variance	-1.44%
Original District	931,868

Citizen Voting Age Population

43.48% Hispanic or Latino
 12.60% Asian
 1.11% American Indian/Alaska Native
 9.95% Black or African American
 0.62% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone
 31.91% White Alone
 0.32% Two or More Races

Universe: Citizen Population 18 Years of Age or Older
 Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

	My District 0	Original District
Hispanic or Latino Citizen Voting Age Population	43.48% 206,240	26.84% 144,010
Asian	12.60% 59,785	9.10% 48,841
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.11% 5,289	1.28% 6,882

Black or African American	9.95% 47,217	9.32% 50,015
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	0.62% 2,959	0.57% 3,071
White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	31.91% 151,348	52.56% 281,966
Citizen Voting Age Population Belonging to the Remainder of Two or More Races, Not Hispanic or Latino	0.32% 1,517	0.31% 1,685

Ethnicity / Race

60.19% Hispanic or Latino
 18.57% White alone
 6.87% Black or African American alone
 11.71% Asian
 0.57% Some Other Race
 2.10% Two or More Races

Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Original District = Blue line

	My District 0	Original District
Hispanic or Latino	60.19% 552,496	41.30% 384,859
White alone	18.57% 170,441	37.98% 353,922
Black or African American alone	6.87% 63,049	7.68% 71,526
Asian	11.71% 107,459	9.41% 87,675
Some Other Race	0.57% 5,267	0.72% 6,734
Two or More Races	2.10% 19,256	2.91% 27,152

Additional Information

The proposed Senate District alignment does a better job of combining communities of interest in the San Diego/Imperial County regions than does the IMPSAN proposal drawn by the commission. Currently the 40th Senate District includes all of Imperial County and portions of San Diego and the Coachella Valley portion of Imperial County.

Imperial County has proposed creating an Assembly District that would combine the heavily latino populated communities of the eastern Coachella Valley with Imperial county. Another suitable alignment for IMPSAN Senate district would include the portions of the Coachella Valley in our assembly proposal, along with all of Imperial County and add the border region of San Diego County including some of the southernmost coastal communities that are included in this proposal. History has shown that a single senator can provide representation to these communities in a single district as that has been the experience of the last decade.

Conclusion

There are several possibilities available to the Commission to better align Imperial County with adjacent areas that share common interests. The alignment proposed by the Commission only aligns contiguous geography without regard for the existence of any common interests other than lines on a map.

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

DATE: JUNE 20, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

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Commissioners,

I am Palma Cesar Hooper and I am privileged to testify before you again in this second round of hearings.

I am the President of SCAPAL (SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW) which is the regional partner of CAPAFR (Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting.)

I want to thank the Commissioners for keeping together most of the North County community of interest made up of Mira Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Sorrento Valley, Camel Valley, and Rancho Bernardo in one Assembly District; and for keeping together City Heights community of interest made up of City Heights east, Oak Park, El Cerrito and Redwood Village. We ask that you not divide or split these areas in future maps.

However, you will hear concerns from community members about the Assembly lines drawn for three areas: Poway, Linda Vista and South Bay.

You will also hear concerns from community members about all four Senate district maps.

CAPAFR will be submitting response maps to you later this month which will set out proposed line changes to the Commission's Assembly and Senate maps based on our community's public testimony.

In the meantime, I ask that the Commission stay vigilant about following the law -- by that I mean compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act as one of the top two priorities in drawing the lines.

Thank you.

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For The State of California

DATE: JUNE 20, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

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My name is Edward Aparis.

I am a South Bay resident, having lived in East National City for 16 years and in East Chula Vista for the past 9 years.

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

I presented "community of interest" testimony before this Commission on May 14th. I am here today to comment on the lines you have drawn for Assembly and Senate maps.

I do not agree with your first draft of Assembly maps for the South Bay

The Commission splits East Chula Vista (east of 805) into two districts, SSAND and LMSAND. This divides in half the Asian Pacific American (APA) community, thereby diluting their voting power.

The Commission put East National City and Paradise Hills in District SSAND and Alta Vista and Bay Terrace in District LMSAND. These places are predominantly Filipino American. This division splits the Filipino American community, thereby diluting their voting power.

A number of Filipino cultural and economic institutions such as supermarkets, churches, small businesses, newspapers, nonprofit organizations, health and human services are located in East National City.

Because Filipino Americans from all of these South Bay neighborhoods use these institutions for key services and social ties, these institutions should be kept in the same district. .

I request that the Commission:

Keep together the communities of East National City, East Chula Vista, Paradise Hills, Alta Vista, Bay Terrace and Bonita in Assembly District LMSAND.

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The Senate maps for South Bay also split the APA community by putting urban areas with rural areas. The draft map makes little sense from a "communities of interest" point of view .

I request that the commission:

Draw the communities of East National City, East Chula Vista, Paradise Hills, Alta Vista, Bay Terrace and Bonita to the north so they are together with similar communities of interest such as Mira Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Poway, Rancho Bernardo and Sorrento Valley.

Follow the law so you do not prioritize nesting over community of interest criteria in violation of the California Constitution.

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Thank you.

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For The State of California
DATE: JUNE 20, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

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Commissioners,

My name is Jonathan Valdez.

I have lived in Mira Mesa for 23 years. I am currently an AVID tutor in the Poway Unified School District.

I presented a community of interest testimony before this Commission on May 13th and I am here today to comment on the lines you have drawn for Assembly and Senate maps.

I thank you for drawing lines which keep whole most of our API community in Assembly District RCHMM. However, the City of Poway was excluded and placed in Assembly District NESAND. As previously testified by the community, Poway has more in common with the communities included in District RCHMM. Poway carries more similarities and character to Rancho Penasquitos and Mira Mesa, and also has similar interests with people residing in RCHMM especially in regards to their children's education.

The Poway Unified School District under the current Assembly Map draft is split into two with the I-15 dividing the district into two different assemblies. Poway students and their parents would be best served being united in a district where they can voice their concerns and hold accountability over one assembly member. Poway must be included in Assembly District RCHMM.

I also think the Commission's draft Senate district makes very little sense from a communities of interest perspective. The map NESAND places suburban and urban areas such as Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Sorrento Valley, Carmel Valley, Rancho Bernardo, and Poway with rural areas to the east. These communities should be placed with other similar suburban and urban areas to the south.

I request that the Commission:

Keep together the communities of Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Sorrento Valley, Carmel Valley, Rancho Bernardo, and Kearny Mesa and include Poway in Assembly District RCHMM.

As well as

Redraw the lines for a Senate District that includes Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Sorrento Valley, Carmel Valley, Rancho Bernardo, Kearny Mesa, and Poway together with east National City, east Chula Vista, Paradise Hills, Bay Terrace and Bonita.

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I understand that moving communities around as requested will require that some communities be moved to another district.

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Thank you very much for your time and good night.

Jonathan A. Valdez

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For The State of California
DATE: JUNE 20, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

Speaker #8

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Commissioners,

My name is Larry Yee. I have been a resident of Linda Vista for the past 4 years.

I want to thank you for keeping Linda Vista whole in your maps. However, I do not agree that Linda Vista should be in Assembly District CRNOSAND or Senate District CSAND because:

In both the Assembly and Senate Districts, Linda Vista is included with the wealthiest communities of Rancho Santa Fe, Fairbanks Ranch, La Jolla and other coastal communities. Linda Vista has nothing in common with those richest communities. The lines for this district would disenfranchise Linda Vista residents by denying them a fair opportunity and voice in the voting process.

I request that the Commission:

Keep Linda Vista whole but move Linda Vista into Assembly District RCHMM and

Draw a Senate District which keeps north and south urban City of San Diego areas together such as Linda Vista joining Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Poway to the north and City Heights, National City and Chula Vista to the south.

Linda Vista is contiguous to Clairemont Mesa and Kearny Mesa which are both in Assembly District RCHMM.

Linda Vista has more social, cultural, and economic ties to the urban communities in Assembly District RCHMM than the coastal communities. Linda Vista has similar socio-economic demographics with Clairemont Mesa, Kearny Mesa, and Serra Mesa. For example, I do all my shopping at the Vietnamese supermarket in Linda Vista and at the Asian supermarket Ranch 99 in Kearny Mesa. I certainly consider Linda Vista and Kearny Mesa to be one contiguous area for the purposes of shopping, restaurants, and entertainment.

Linda Vista is an older residential area of lower-income, multi-ethnic residents including a sizable population of Vietnamese and Hmong. Linda Vista has no social or cultural ties to Rancho Santa Fe and Fairbanks Ranch in CRNOSAND.

I understand that moving Linda Vista into RCHMM may require removing other communities in that district and adding communities to CRNOSAND. CAPAFR (Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting) will be submitting response maps to you later this month which will set out proposed line changes to the Commission's Assembly and Senate maps based on our community's public testimony.

Thank you.



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

DATE: JUNE 20, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

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Aloha, Commissioners,

My name is Margaret Sanborn. I am the Executive Director of the Pacific American Academy Charter School, which is the first Pacific Islander public charter school in San Diego. I am a long time resident of Linda Vista.

I want to thank you for keeping Linda Vista whole in your maps. However, I do not agree that Linda Vista should be in Assembly District CRNOSAND or Senate District CSAND because:

In both the Assembly and Senate Districts, Linda Vista is included with the wealthiest communities of Rancho Santa Fe, Fairbanks Ranch, La Jolla and other coastal communities. Linda Vista has nothing in common with those richest communities who will be focused on coastal issues. Linda Vista is an older, urban neighborhood. Many of the homes in Linda Vista were built in 1940 as part of a government project to house aircraft workers for the war effort. I have lived in Linda Vista way before Genesee Avenue, one of the main thoroughfares in Linda Vista, was even built. I have seen it grow to become a multi-ethnic community including a significant number of Vietnamese and Hmong. It is a low to moderate income community. Linda Vista residents would have no voice competing with the wealthy coastal communities for representation.

I request that the Commission:

Keep Linda Vista whole but move Linda Vista into Assembly District RCHMM and

Draw a Senate District which keeps north and south urban City of San Diego areas together such as Linda Vista joining Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Poway to the north and City Heights, National City and Chula Vista to the south.

Linda Vista is contiguous to Clairemont Mesa and Kearny Mesa which are both in Assembly District RCHMM.

Linda Vista has similar socio-economic demographics with Clairemont Mesa, Kearny Mesa, and Serra Mesa. As with other residents, we shop at the markets and retail stores and eat at the restaurants in Clairemont Mesa and Kearny Mesa. I certainly consider Linda Vista, Clairemont Mesa and Kearny Mesa to be one contiguous area for the purposes of shopping and restaurants.

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Commissioners,

I am GUNNERY SERGEANT RONALDO Y. DINOAGAN. I have been in the U. S. Marine Corps for 22 years.

I am here today to comment on the lines you have drawn for Senate and Assembly maps.

First, the Commission's draft Senate maps NESAN and ISAN include suburban and urban areas with the rural areas to the east which very little in common from a communities of interest standpoint.

I request that the Commission connect in one Senate map the communities of Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Sorrento Valley, Carmel Valley, Rancho Bernardo, Poway, and Kearny Mesa with urban communities in central part of the City of San Diego and communities to the south such as East National City, East Chula Vista, Paradise Hills, Bonita, Bay Terrace. There is a significant API population, predominantly Filipino Americans, in these communities. There is more of a north-south connection along Freeway 805 and Freeway 15 to these communities than east for sharing cultural, social, economic, and religious ties.

Filipino Americans share many activities in the North and South areas. In San Diego, there are many Filipino Americans who are military service members or otherwise employed by the DOD. The military bases in San Diego County, including MCAS Miramar, Camp Pendleton, and Naval Base San Diego, serve as social and economic hubs for them and their families. For example, I live in military base housing in Serra Mesa. My family goes to Kearny Mesa and Mira Mesa for shopping and dining at restaurants as well as cultural and social events.

My family also frequently goes to National City for shopping, dining, remittance centers, and the Fil-Am newspapers. We attend the annual Philippine Faire in National City. I go to National City to attend Board meetings of the Council of Philippine American Organizations. I am also a deacon at the Iglesia Ni Cristo (Church of Christ) on East 8th Street in National City where we have about 1,300 member congregation, of which 85% are Filipino Americans.

Second, the Assembly maps divide the Filipino American community between two districts SSAND and LMSAND. This dilutes the voting power of Filipino Americans.

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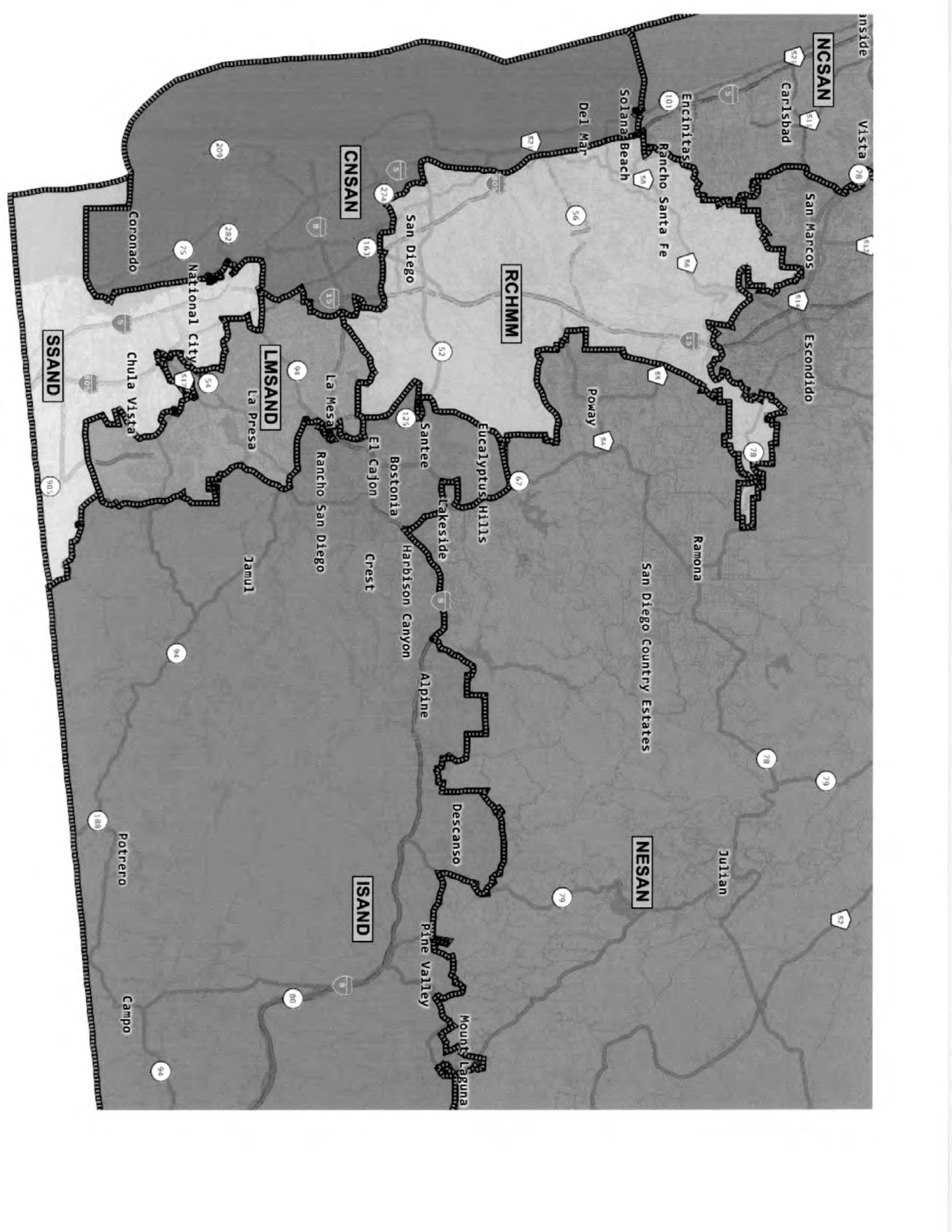
I request that the Commission

Keep together the communities of eastern National City, eastern Chula Vista, Paradise Hills, Alta Vista, Bay Terrace and Bonita in Assembly District LMSAND

These South Bay neighborhoods have significant numbers of Filipino Americans who use ethnic and cultural institutions located in East National City. These institutions include supermarkets, churches, businesses, newspapers, health and human services. These neighborhoods use these institutions for key services and social ties. Therefore, they should be kept in the same district with the communities they serve. There is already a population of Asian Pacific Islanders drawn in LMSAND and these South Bay neighborhoods should join them for a stronger voice in electing representatives of their choice.

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RANCHO SANTA FE ASSOCIATION COMMENTS ON STATE SENATE AND STATE ASSEMBLY REDISTRICTING

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your willingness to serve on the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Ensuring that the Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly district boundaries are drawn in a logical manner that maintains the integrity of "communities of interest" is a vital and important task for the Citizens of California.

After carefully reviewing the first draft of the State Senate and State Assembly maps for the San Diego region, the Rancho Santa Fe Association respectfully requests that:

- Rancho Santa Fe Covenant and the adjacent unincorporated "communities of interest" in the mid county area should be located in the same Senate and Assembly district, as opposed to being located in two different districts.
- Rancho Santa Fe Covenant and the adjacent unincorporated "communities of interest" be removed from the "CSAND" Senate district and be placed into either the "NESAN" or "SANOC" Senate district.
- Rancho Santa Fe Covenant and the adjacent unincorporated "communities of interest" be removed from the "CRNOSAND" Assembly district and placed into either the "RANCHOBMM" or "NCOASTSAND" Assembly district.

The reasons for our request are described in the following paragraphs.

Rancho Santa Fe is one of several unincorporated communities in the San Dieguito area of San Diego County that share similar interests. (Attachment A) Even though each of the adjacent communities has a distinct identity, they share numerous similarities such as development patterns consisting primarily of rural, low density single-family residential development, provision of essential services, provision of

water and sewer service (or in many cases on-site septic systems), winding two-lane roads, and rolling topography. In fact, because they are so similar, all of these communities are included in the San Dieguito Community Plan, which is one component of the County's General Plan. In light of these similarities, Rancho Santa Fe and the adjacent unincorporated communities in San Dieguito meet the definition of a "community of interest" as described in Section 2(d)(4) of Article XXI of the California Constitution. Thus, the unincorporated communities in the San Dieguito area should not be separated into multiple Senate or Assembly districts.

Both the State Senate and State Assembly maps include Rancho Santa Fe at the very northern end of a long, narrow, irregularly shaped district, running up from the border of Mexico ("CSAND" in the case of the Senate map) or from Imperial Beach ("CRNOSAND" in the case of the Assembly map). Rancho Santa Fe appears to be included almost as an afterthought, attached as a peninsula at the far north of an otherwise southern coastal district that includes the City of San Diego and Coronado, which are approximately 25 to 30 miles to the south.

As can be seen from the maps, the Rancho Santa Fe peninsula is surrounded on three sides by the "NESAN" Senate and "RANCHOBMM" Assembly districts. The fourth or northwest side of the peninsula is adjacent to the "SANOC" Senate and "NORTHCOASTSAND" Assembly districts. Either of these adjacencies creates a stronger, more logical connection than is currently proposed. Moreover, neither the "CSAND" nor the "CRNOSAND" districts meet the Commission's own criteria for a geographically compact district with a fairly regular shape.

Rancho Santa Fe and the adjacent unincorporated communities have very little in common with respect to community character, living standards, transportation facilities, or work opportunities, with the far more urban areas in the City of San Diego, Coronado, National City, Chula Vista and Imperial Beach. Even more surprising is that Rancho Santa Fe would be the only unincorporated area in the "CRNOSAND" Assembly district and with the exception of a small unincorporated area over 40 miles away adjacent to the Mexican border, the only unincorporated area in the "CSAND" Senate district.

Service provision is also an important component when evaluating adjacent communities for planning purposes. Therefore, the Rancho Santa Fe Association recommends that your Commission consider how essential services and water and sewer services are provided to the San Dieguito area. Currently, there are three Special Districts and one County Service Area that provide fire protection, water, sewer, and EMS services. The districts are as follows:

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- Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District
- Rancho Santa Fe Community Services District (sewer)
- Santa Fe Irrigation District (water)
- County Service Area 17 (EMS)

As currently proposed, the State Senate and State Assembly districts would divide the service boundaries of these Special Districts in the unincorporated area. In two of the districts and in the County Service Area, the Special District would be split almost in half. (Attachments B-E)

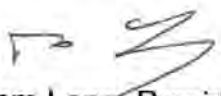
For the reasons described above, the Rancho Santa Fe Association disagrees that the "CSAND" State Senate district and the "CRONOSAND" State Assembly district meet the Commission's desired outcome to "create districts that reflect geographical and common sense boundaries."

So to reiterate, the Rancho Santa Fe Association respectfully requests that:

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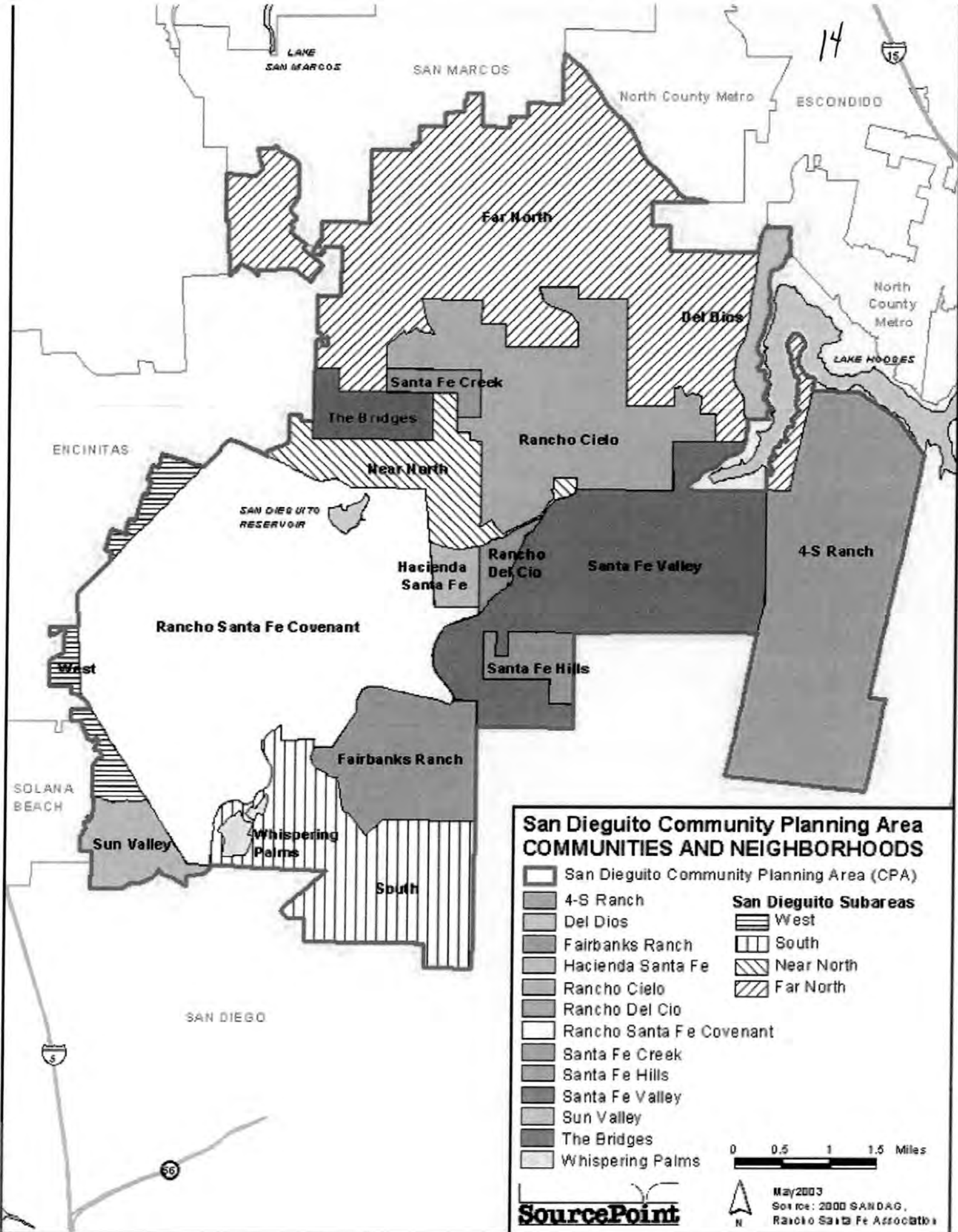
Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Association Manager, Mr. Pete Smith at (858) 756-1174.

Sincerely,



Tom Lang, President
Rancho Santa Fe Association

- Attachments:
- A – Map of Unincorporated Communities in San Dieguito
 - B – Map of Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection Boundary
 - C – Map of Rancho Santa Fe Community Services District Boundary
 - D – Map of County Service Area 17 Boundary
 - E – Map of Santa Fe Irrigation District Boundary



**San Dieguito Community Planning Area
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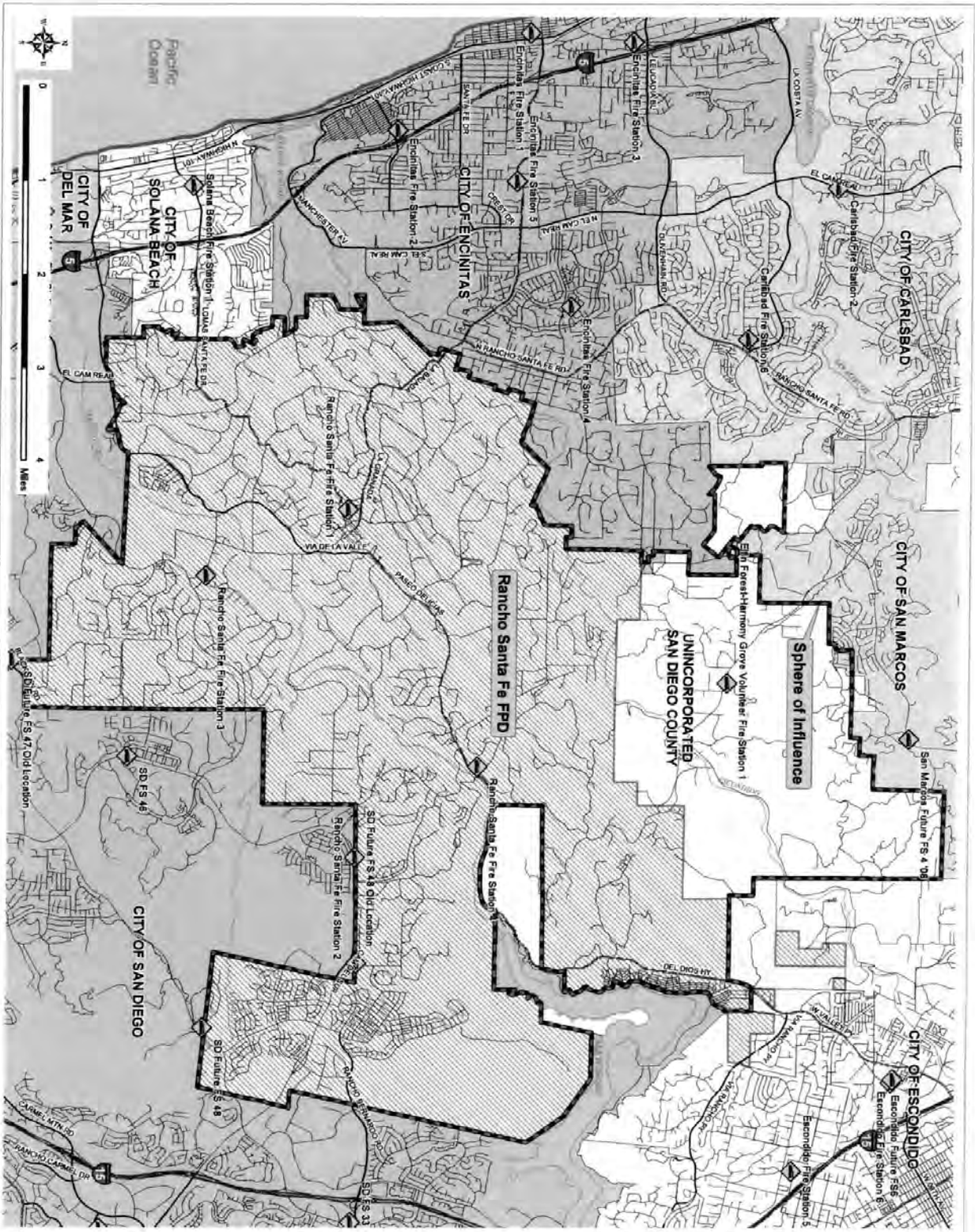
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



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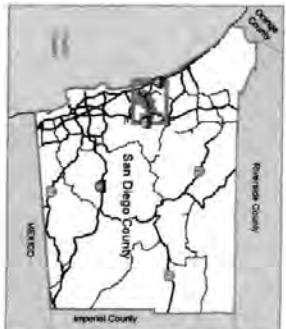
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Rancho Santa Fe FPD

- LEGEND**
-  Rancho Santa Fe FPD
 -  Sphere of Influence (SOI)
 -  Fire Stations

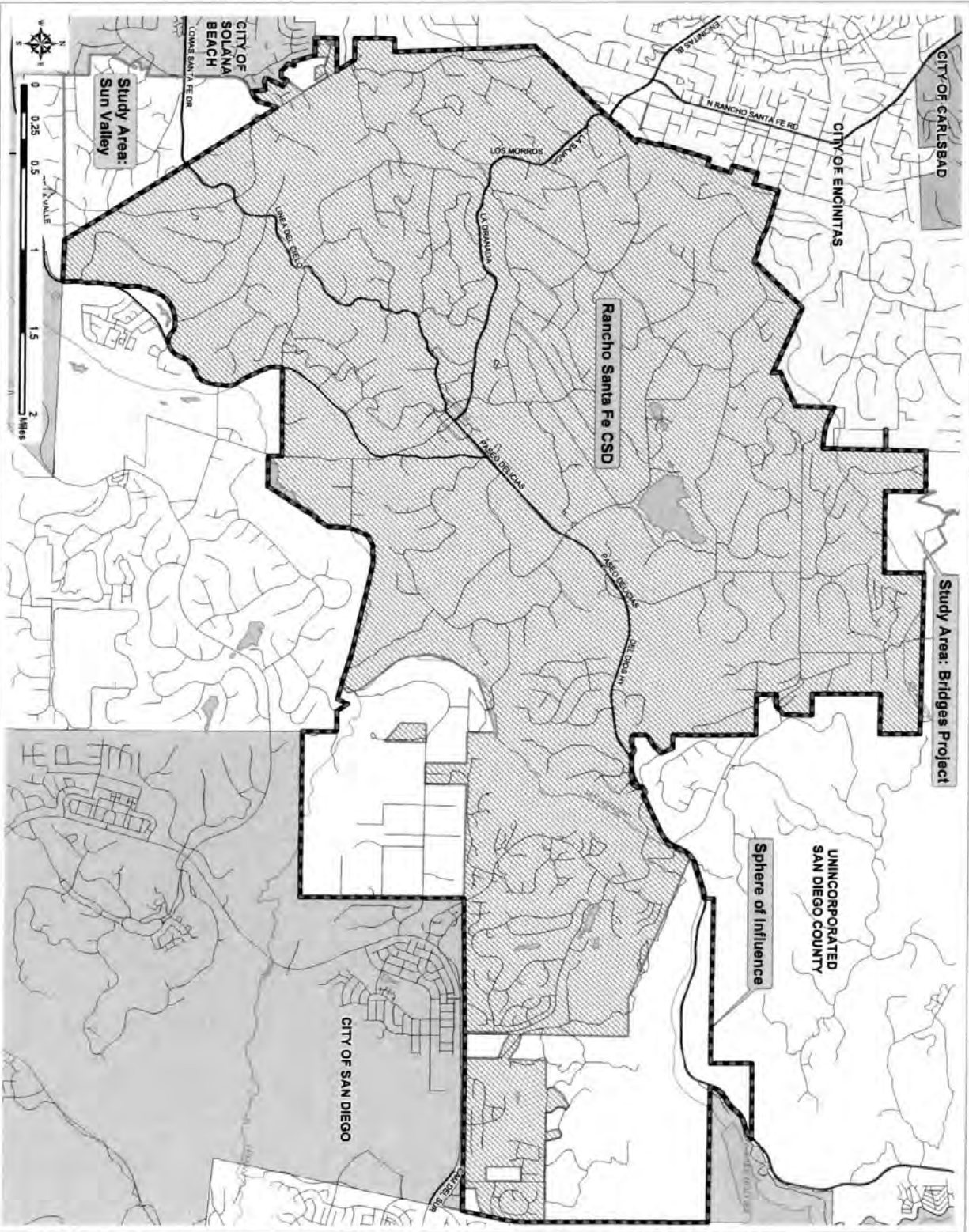
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

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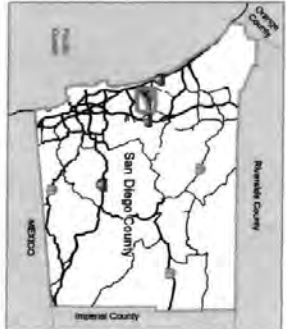
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 -  Sphere of Influence (SOI)
 -  Special Study Area

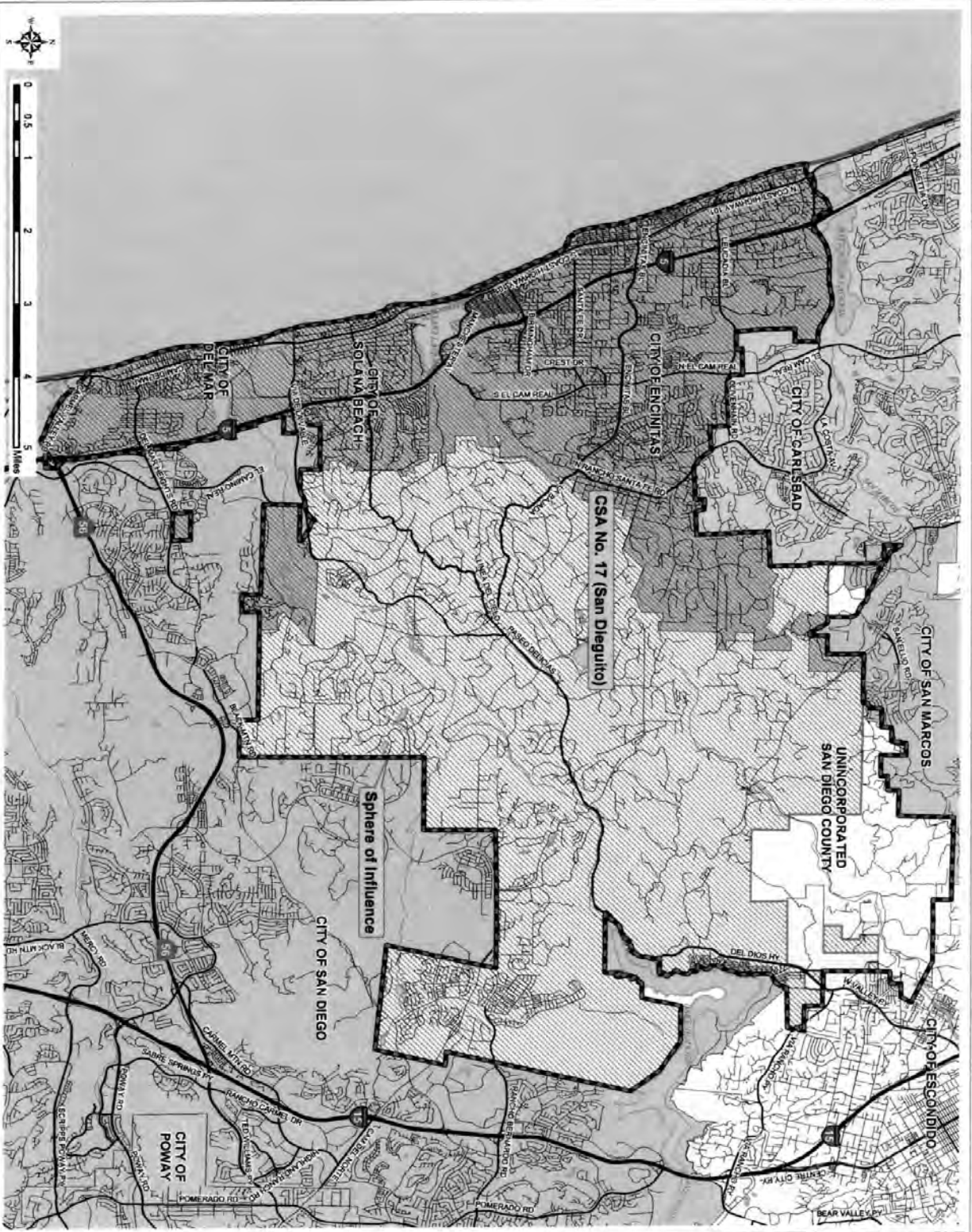
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
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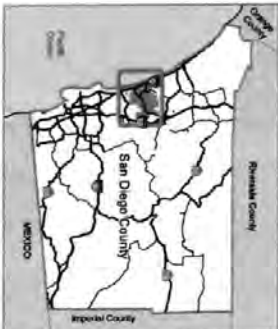
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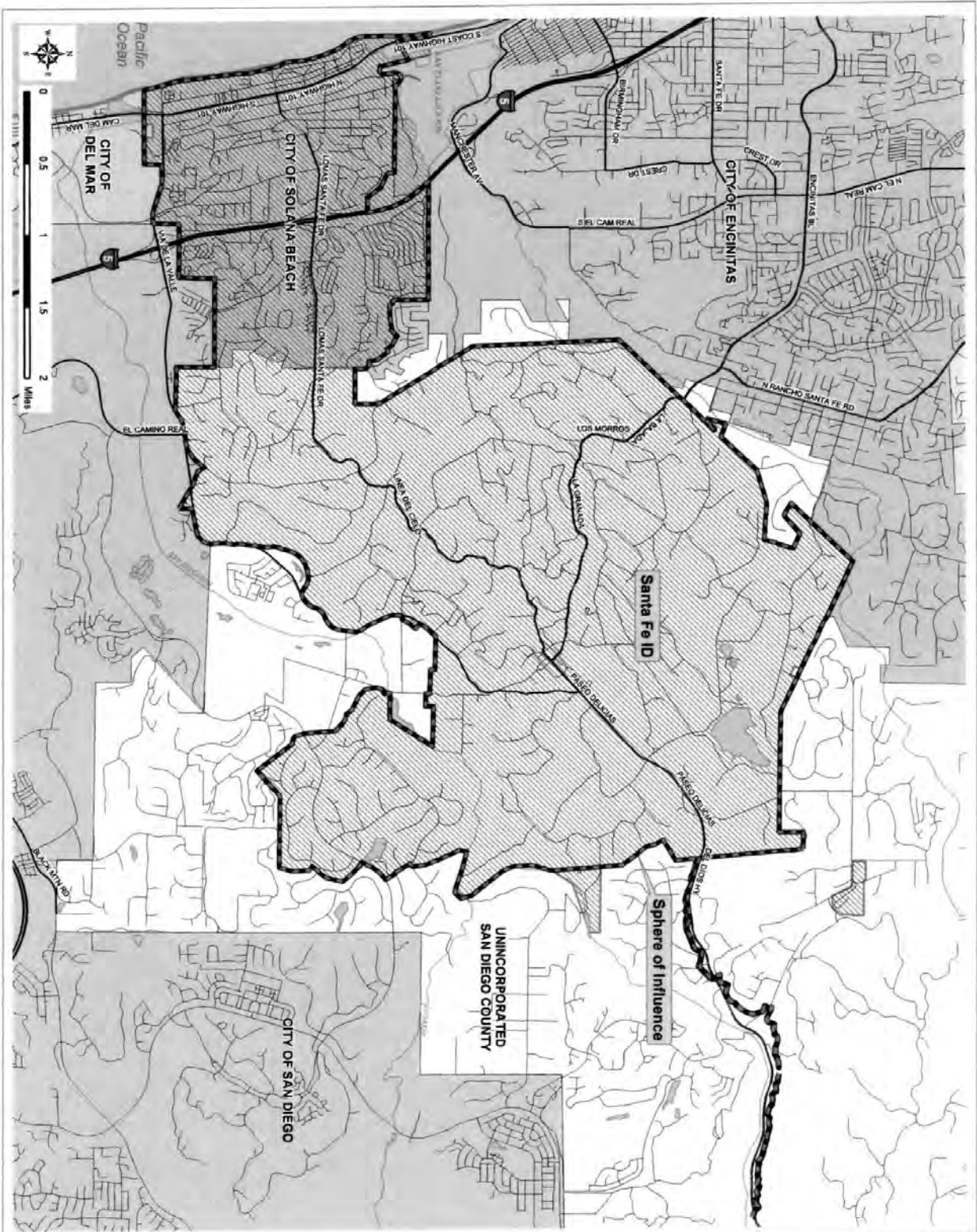
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


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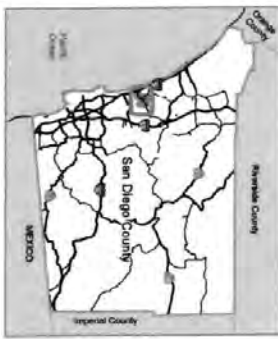
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Santa Fe Irrigation District

- LEGEND**
-  Santa Fe ID
 -  Sphere of Influence (SOI)

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From: Josue Mercado, CPA

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Thank you to the 14 members of the Independent CA Citizens Redistricting Commission for all of your time, great effort and for being here today listening to our humble recommendations.

My name is Josué Mercado, a Certified Public Accountant living and working in the County of Imperial.

I've traveled today to respectfully extend this recommendation, that the Imperial County and the Eastern Coachella Valley be represented as one region at all levels of State and Federal government.

The Imperial County and Coachella Valley share similar traits other than being connected by State Highways 111, 86 and 78. Both are desert regions; both faces similar economic needs, in fact, both areas are among the poorest in the State. Both share the same air basin and Salton Sea pollution issues. Both are considered Mecca's to resolve the States Renewable Energy issues.

Both are agricultural communities which supply a vast amount of fruits and vegetables to our State and Nation. It is no surprise that most of the vegetables you've consumed were grown in this region picked by our hardworking farm laborers.

Some of them live in Mexico and wake up at 2am to cross the border legally. They do this since it is not uncommon for border crossing wait times to last no less than 2 hours. Once they legally cross they have to drive up to 1 ½ hours to arrive to work either in Imperial County or in the Coachella Region. Upon arriving they work long and hard.

We need representatives that know of regions similarities and difficulties to be a voice for those that are too exhausted to speak. Redistricting is about giving a voice to the people. I humbly implore you to please give the Eastern Coachella Valley and the Imperial County a joint voice and keep our regions together as the redistricting of the maps at all levels of government are revised.

I thank you for your time.

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June 20, 2011

Veronica L. Tirado

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Imperial County shares many common interests with Eastern Riverside County and all those of us who live here or even those who have visited the Southeast Desert would attest to this. Our population's characteristics and cultures are closely tied, our economies are closely linked, and we share many similar challenges such as; the Salton Sea and its restoration efforts, the New River and its threat to public health, poor air quality due to high particulate matter in our shared air basin, and limited options for higher educational institutions (no CSU or UC main campuses).

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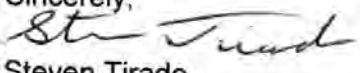
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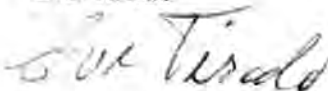
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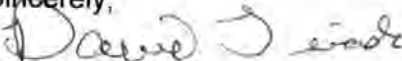
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TESTIMONY
At Public Hearing Held By
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For The State of California
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Commissioners,

I am Dr. Aurora Cudal, a resident of Chula Vista for the past 20 years. I've been a two-term President of the Council of Philippine American Organizations of San Diego County, a columnist of The Filipino Press and the National City Times, and currently, the Region Chair of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations covering San Diego, Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

I am also a volunteer of the Union of Pan Asian Communities and an active member of the Asian Pacific American Coalition.

A study of your first draft of Assembly maps for the South Bay reveals that the Commission split Eastern Chula Vista into two districts, SSAND and LMSAND. The Commission also put eastern National City and Paradise Hills in District SSAND and put contiguous Alta Vista and Bay Terrace in District LMSAND. This division into two districts dilutes the voting power of Asian and Pacific Americans and negates their efforts towards community empowerment. The same thing occurs in the Senate maps. In good conscience, I find the first draft of Assembly and Senate maps not acceptable.

I request that the Commission:

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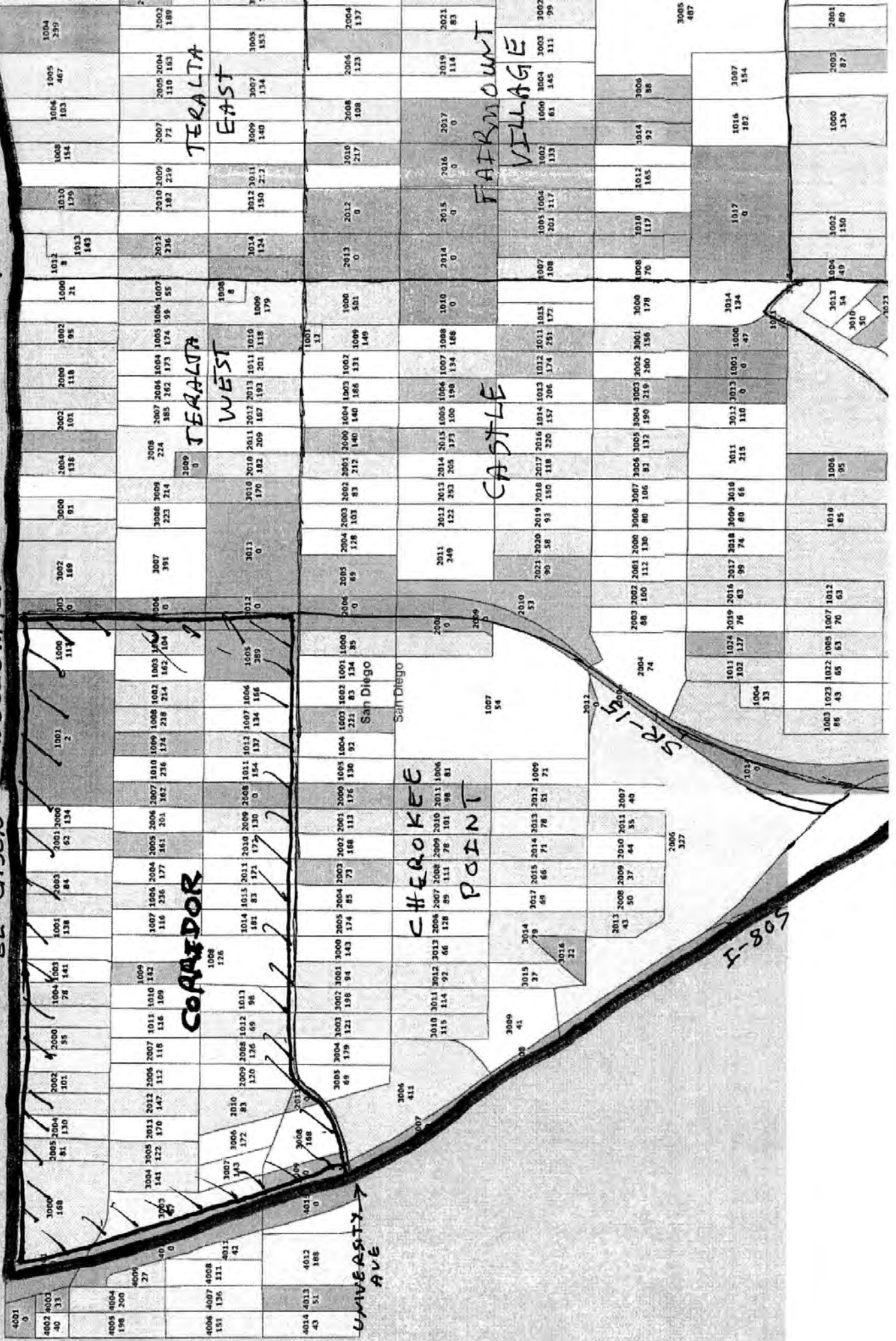
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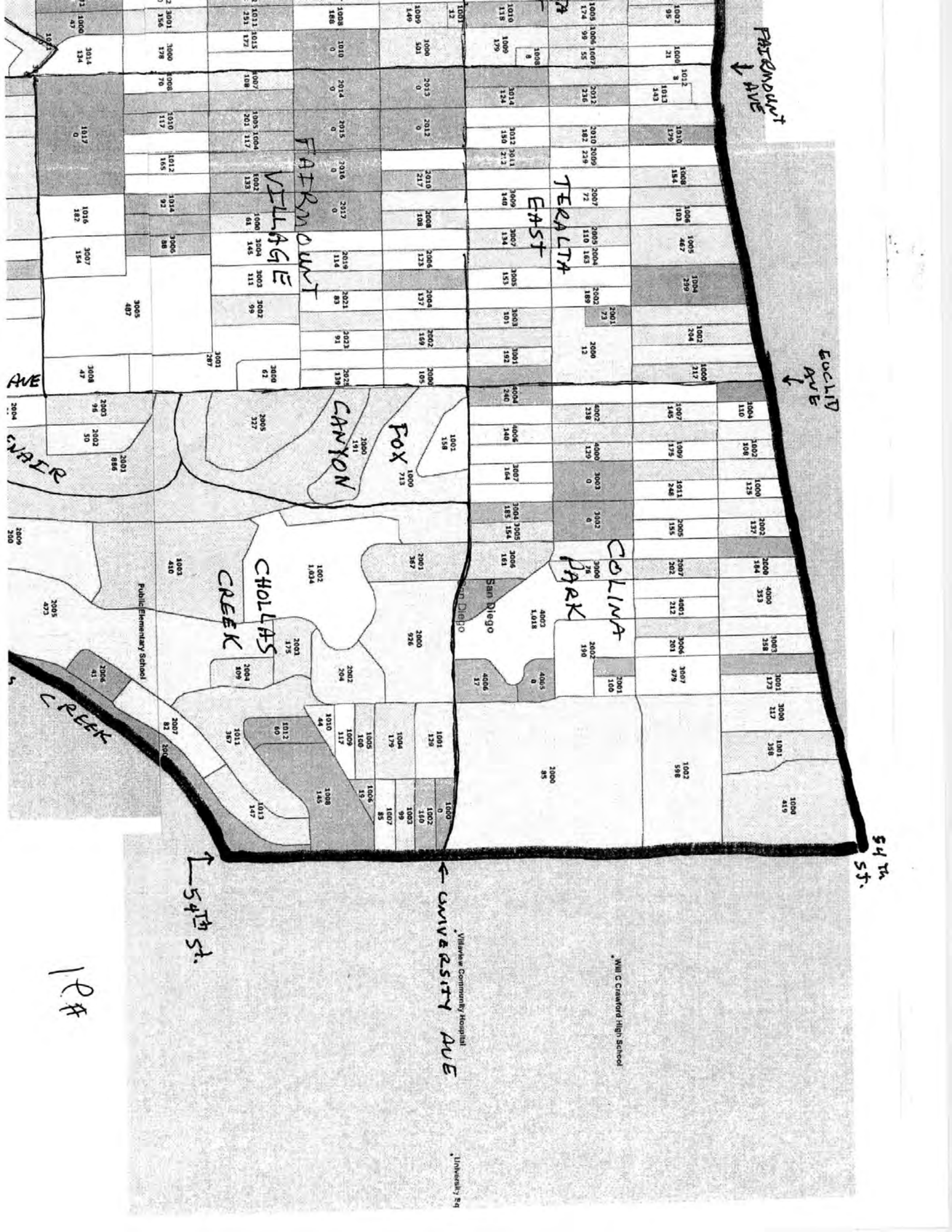
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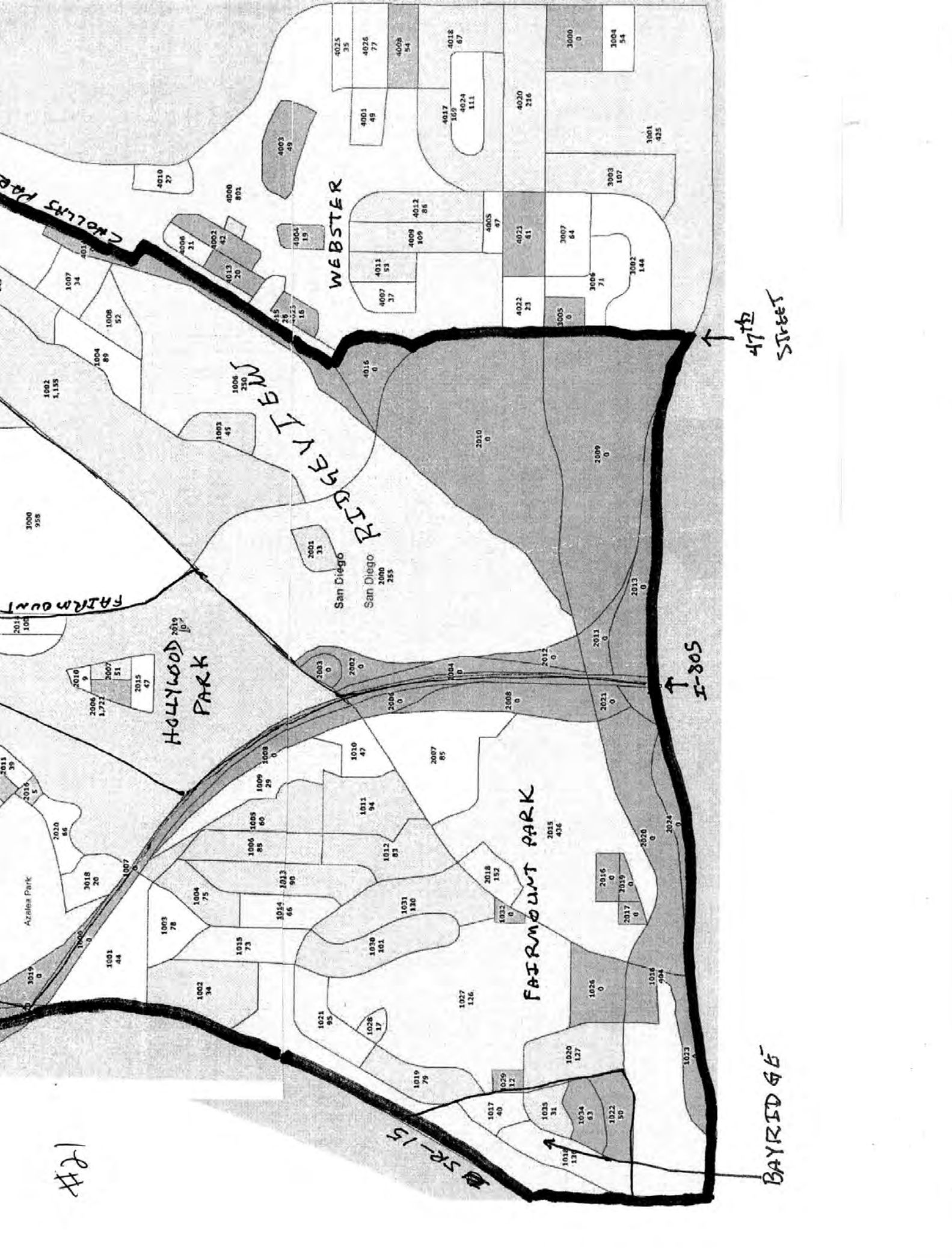
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Hello, my name is Warren Ates and I live in Santee.

Santee is considered part of East County, which also includes the cities of El Cajon, Alpine and Lakeside.

Under your proposal, these parts of East County are included in both the Assembly and the Senate maps called "ISAND."

We think it is a mistake to have East County in the same district as Imperial County. We do not share anything in common.

If you are going to include East County with other areas, it would make more sense to head north and include more cities, communities and tribal lands that are all east of Interstate 15.

We share many things in common with these communities, such as having both rural and suburban neighborhoods. We also have many tribal lands.

Wildfire protection is a big issue for us, and areas in East County and North County suffered significant damage in the 2003 and 2007 wildfires.

The Congressional map called "NESAN" does a good job of connecting these communities. I would suggest using that as a guide for how to draw East County for the Assembly and Senate maps too.

Thank you very much.

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Hello, my name is Mike Hartley and I'm from Alpine in East San Diego County.

East County is a unique community that celebrates outdoor activities such as shooting, off-road riding, hiking, fishing, and equestrian sports. Our landscape includes chaparral, forests and ranchlands.

Our communities start at El Cajon and head east into the backcountry to the Cleveland National Forest and the tribal lands.

We would like to be kept together as much as possible in the new legislative maps and, if necessary, connect us to backcountry areas in North County that also includes similar ranchlands, forests and tribal lands.

The "NESAN" congressional map does a good job of this. The "ISAND" maps for Assembly and Senate do not.

East County might be close to Imperial County on a map, but we are very different.

Please make your best effort to keep East County united and if necessary connect us with North County areas east of Interstate 15.

Thank you.

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Commissioners,

my name is Marita Ferrer.

I am the President of the Council of Philippine American Organizations (COPAO), a nonprofit organization located in east National City.

I submitted community of interest testimony before this Commission on May 14th. I am here today to comment on the lines you have drawn for Assembly and Senate maps.

I do not agree with your first draft of Assembly maps for the South Bay because:

The Commission splits eastern Chula Vista into two districts, SSAND and LMSAND. I have lived in eastern Chula Vista for more than 20 years. There are many Filipino Americans who live in my neighborhood. Further east is a newer area known as Eastlake. There are many Filipino Americans and other APIs who live there. My neighborhood and Eastlake are split into separate district even though we share similar interests like shopping at Otay Ranch Shopping Center in Eastlake. There are many APIs from eastern Chula Vista who are employed by Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center which is located close to my neighborhood. Dividing eastern Chula Vista into two districts dilutes the voting power of the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community.

Furthermore, the Commission put east National City and Paradise Hills in District SSAND and put Alta Vista and Bay Terrace in District LMSAND. These communities are predominantly Filipino Americans. This division again splits the Filipino American community, thereby diluting their voting power.

A number of Filipino cultural and economic institutions such as supermarkets, churches, small businesses, newspapers, nonprofit organizations, health and human services are located in eastern National City. Because Filipino Americans from all of these South Bay neighborhoods use these institutions for key services and social ties, these institutions should be kept in the same district with the communities they serve.

West National City is different from East National City. West National City is the area's main economic corridor including the bay and marina. East National City is home to many small businesses owned or operated by Filipino Americans and Paradise Valley Hospital which employs and serves large numbers of Filipino Americans.

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The commission should divide West National City from East National City to better align districts along communities of interest factors.

I disagree with the Commission's Senate draft district. It makes little sense from a community of interest standpoint to put our urban and suburban South Bay neighborhoods with rural areas to the east.

I request that the Commission:

Keep together the communities of east National City, east Chula Vista, Paradise Hills, Alta Vista, Bay Terrace and Bonita in Assembly District LMSAND.

Draw a north/south Senate map and put these same neighborhoods in South Bay together with areas with similar socio-economic and cultural interests such as Mira Mesa, Poway, Rancho Bernardo, Sorrento Valley, Kearny Mesa and Rancho Penasquitos to the north.

Follow the law to prioritize communities of interest so you do not draw lines that unfairly dilute minority voting strength.

[CAPAFR (Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting) will be submitting response maps to you later this month which will set out the proposed line changes to the Commission's maps based on our community's public testimony.]

Thank you.

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Good Evening Madam Chair and Commission, First off, thanks you Commissioners for giving me an opportunity to voice our concern. I am Tony Michel, Fire Chief for the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District. I have a few concerns regarding the State Senate and Assembly 1st Draft Maps.

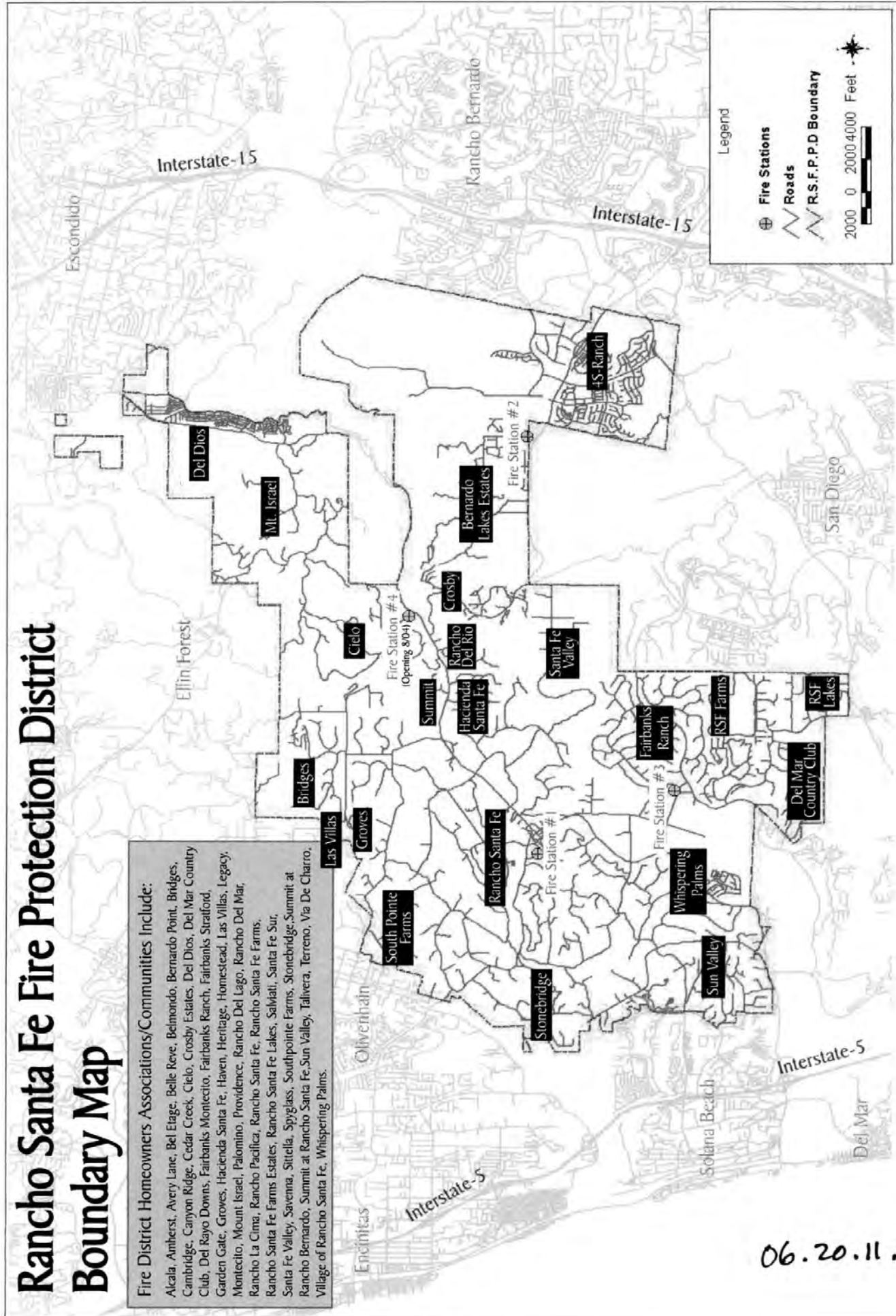
- My Fire District is approximately 38 sq. miles of unincorporated land in San Diego County; however, the west portion of the District is proposed to be included in the Coronado-San Diego District, which are Incorporated Coastal Communities that have different Hazards, Threats and Risks than my Fire District.
- The 2007 Witch Creek Fire was testimony to the hazards, risks and threats my fire district has to prepare for and plan for.
- The Threats, Risks and Hazards of the Fire District are more consistent with the inland communities, and are not consistent with the coastal Coronado-San Diego District map.
- The Urban Wildland Interface threat is a common threat in the inland communities of San Diego County.
- As Fire Chief, I would like the commission to consider including the western portion of my fire district into the inland district maps, where the State Representation can address the common threats, hazards and risks of my Fire District and those of other inland areas with common hazards.

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Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District Boundary Map

Fire District Homeowners Associations/Communities Include:

Alcala, Amherst, Avery Lane, Bel Etage, Belle Reve, Belmondo, Bernardo Point, Bridges, Cambridge, Canyon Ridge, Cedar Creek, Cielo, Crosby Estates, Del Dios, Del Mar Country Club, Del Rayo Downs, Fairbanks Montecito, Fairbanks Ranch, Fairbanks Stratford, Garden Gate, Groves, Hacienda Santa Fe, Haven, Heritage, Homestead, Las Villas, Legacy, Montecito, Mount Israel, Palomino, Providence, Rancho Del Lago, Rancho Del Mar, Rancho La Cima, Rancho Pacifica, Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Santa Fe Farms, Rancho Santa Fe Farms Estates, Rancho Santa Fe Lakes, Salvati, Santa Fe Sur, Santa Fe Valley, Savanna, Sittella, Spyglass, Southpointe Farms, Stonebridge, Summit at Rancho Bernardo, Summit at Rancho Santa Fe, Sun Valley, Talavera, Terreno, Via De Charro, Village of Rancho Santa Fe, Whispering Palms.



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My name is Gagandeep Kaur.

I have lived in San Diego County for 13 years and am a financial analyst.

I presented community of interest testimony before this Commission on May 13th. I am here today to comment on the lines you have drawn for Assembly and Senate maps.

I thank you for drawing lines which keep whole most of our API community in Assembly District RCHMM. However, the City of Poway was excluded and put in Assembly District NESAND. Poway is a suburban community and has nothing in common with the rural communities to the east. The Sikh temple where my husband and I worship and socialize is in Poway. I am Vice President of The Sikh Foundation San Diego in Poway. I am co-founder of the Poway Interfaith Team, the interfaith group of Poway, and am familiar with many faith based leaders and places of worship in Poway.

The Poway Unified School District is split from its schools located in Rancho Penasquitos, Carmel Mountain Ranch and Rancho Bernardo. Education is a very important issue in our community. The Poway Unified School District needs to be in the same district with its schools, the majority of which are in District RCHMM.

There is a lot of connection between Poway and the other communities in District RCHMM, not to the east of Poway. For example, the majority of Sikhs live in Poway, Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Sabre Springs, and Rancho Bernardo. In Mira Mesa, there is a business area on Black Mountain Road where many South Asians own or operate Indian-cuisine restaurants and other retail businesses such as groceries, imports and other products of India. These ethnic businesses draw South Asians from all over the county.

I also think the Commission's draft Senate district makes very little sense from a communities of interest perspective. The map NESAN includes suburban and urban areas with rural areas to the east.

I request that the Commission:

Keep together the communities of Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Sorrento Valley, Carmel Valley, Rancho Bernardo, and Kearny Mesa in Assembly District RCHMM.

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Move Poway into Assembly District RCHMM.

Redraw the lines for a Senate District that is a north/south urban/suburban district. Such a district should include north communities such as Poway, Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Sorrento Valley, Carmel Valley, Rancho Bernardo, Kearny Mesa; central San Diego communities; and southern communities such as east National City, east Chula Vista, Paradise Hills, Bay Terrace and Bonita.

In fact, CAPAFR (Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting) submitted a Senate map with this configuration to you on May 26th.

I understand that moving communities from one district to another as requested will require that some communities be moved to another district. CAPAFR will be submitting response maps to you later this month which will set out the proposed line changes to the Commission's maps based on our community's public testimony.

Thank you.

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My name is Gajinder Singh Vij.

I am here today to comment on the lines you have drawn for Assembly and Senate maps.

I thank you for drawing lines which keep whole most of our API community in Assembly District RCHMM. However, the City of Poway was excluded and put in Assembly District NESAND. Poway is a suburban community and has nothing in common with the rural communities to the east. There is a strong connection between Poway and the other communities in District RCHMM, not to the east of Poway.

For example, while my family lives in Scripps Ranch, just outside the edge of Poway, most of our activities are in Poway. Our children are in the Poway Unified School District. Their extra-curricular activities are in Poway such as swimming, learning Tae Kwon, and playing in the Poway Youth Soccer League. We attend service at the Sikh Temple in Poway and do much of our shopping at businesses in Poway.

I work in Sorrento Valley and drive through Mira Mesa every work day. In Mira Mesa, there is a business area on Black Mountain Road where many South Asians own or operate Indian-cuisine restaurants and other retail businesses such as groceries, imports and other products of India. These ethnic businesses draw South Asians from all over the county. My children attend the Y in Rancho Penasquitos and don't distinguish this from Poway. We see Poway as an extension of Scripps Ranch, Sabre Springs, Rancho Penasquitos areas, and consider it part of the neighborhood in which we live, shop and play.

It is unacceptable that the Poway Unified School District is split from its schools located in Rancho Penasquitos, Carmel Mountain Ranch and Rancho Bernardo. Education is a very important issue in our community. Poway parents would have a stronger voice holding one Assembly representative accountable on education issues; therefore, Poway must be included in Assembly District RCHMM.

The Commission's draft Senate district makes very little sense from a communities of interest perspective. The map NESAN includes suburban and urban areas with rural areas to the east all the way to Riverside County line and Imperial County line.

I request that the Commission:

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Thank you.

Lombardo Amaya U.S. Border Patrol #48
The President of Imperial Valley
Local 7554

Good evening, my name is Lombardo Amaya and I live in Imperial County.

I am currently the employee representative for 1200 U.S. Border Patrol agents along the California-Mexico border and I have been a Border Patrol agent for 10 years since serving in the U.S. Army.

I would like to advocate for you to draw the State Senate district for Imperial County the way that you drew the district for U.S. Congress.

We need people who will advocate for secure borders at all levels of government and they will be more accountable if you draw one district that runs the length of the entire border.

Border security is a top issue for the communities near the Mexican border and we would like to see all ports-of-entry connected in one district for Congress, one district for State Assembly, and one for State Senate.

Please create more accountability for border security in Washington D.C. and Sacramento by making border security the top issue for politicians at every level of government.

Thank you.

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My name is Kira ~~Kam~~. I am hearing impaired but want to participate in this important event. I am Cambodian American, United States citizen and voter residing in San Diego. I worked for the U. S. Census Bureau in 2010. I am a self-employed, providing IT services and developing web applications. I share interests and needs not only of Cambodian Americans but also the larger Pan Asian community in San Diego.

I want to thank the Commission for keeping the Cambodian community together with other Southeast Asians in the same Assembly District LMSAND. This community is cohesive in that they have common interests around language access needs, ethnic markets, culture, small businesses, health services. I thank you for keeping the three Cambodian temples on 45th Street, 47th Street, and 52nd Street together in the same district. ^{Building} This is where we get together every weekend, hold special events and New Year Celebration in April every year, celebrate our Khmer/Cambodia cultures, business, and traditions, such as music, dancing, and more. This is common with other Asian and Pacific Islander cultures as well.

However, the Cambodian community is put in a rural area in Senate District ISAND. The Cambodian community has nothing in common with these rural areas. Our community is within the heart of the urban area of City of San Diego. We share concerns around city issues which establishes a community of interest. We have more in common with communities to the north in the City of San Diego than in East County.

I request that the Commission:

Keep together the Cambodian community and other Southeast Asians in City Heights east, Oak Park, El Cerrito and Redwood Village in Assembly District LMSAND and not split them apart, and put these same communities in a Senate District with other communities to the north in the City of Diego, not to the east.

An urban district map was submitted to you by CAPAFR (Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting) as Senate District 39 back in May.

CAPAFR will be submitting response maps to you later this month which will propose the line changes to the Commission's maps based on our community's public testimony.

Thank you.