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Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

The eastern San Diego County communities of Alpine, Borrego Springs, El Cajon, La Mesa, Lakeside, Lemon Grove, Jamul and Santee have a long cooperative and proactive history of functioning as a unified and cohesive socioeconomic unit with shared geographic and cultural qualities.

We ask that you preserve these communities' rights to be associated with their neighboring communities, with whom they share numerous common ties. These include major transportation networks, school districts, water and energy infrastructure, public safety and fire protection, and economic development programs.

We appreciate the transparent public process the Commission is undertaking in compliance with the Voters FIRST Act of 2008. Your efforts will be critical in achieving districts that are geographically compact and contiguous and respect the geographic integrity of cities, counties, local neighborhoods and local communities of interest. We believe that the spirit of the act, as presented to the voters of this state, is consistent with our request to keep our community of interest intact.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of the needs of the citizens of East San Diego County and believe that keeping all our East San Diego County communities together within one State Assembly District achieves all the goals of the Voters FIRST Act.

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment on the 2011 State redistricting process. Please let us know if we can provide you with any additional information on our unique community of interest in East San Diego County.

On behalf of the over 800 member companies of the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce, and the coalesced communities we serve, we respectfully request that the Redistricting Commission allow the citizens and businesses of San Diego's East County to retain our long-standing and easily identifiable community of interest within one State Assembly District.

Sincerely,

Joe Mackey
Chairman of the Board of Directors

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