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Member, Board of Trustees

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Dear Commissioners of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I would like thank all of you for your time and commitment to ensuring that California and its citizen's are fairly represented in the redistricting of our state. As a lifelong resident of California, born and raised in San Diego and with my husband raising our five children in San Diego, I would like to express my support particularly for the following speakers who testified on June 20, 2011 hearing on redistricting regarding the Commission's first draft of the Assembly and Senate maps and their requests to this Commission to maintain the Asian Pacific Islander communities of interest together:

PALMA HOOPER – SPEAKER #5; EDWARD APARIS – SPEAKER #6; JONATHAN VALDEZ – SPEAKER #7; LARRY YEE – SPEAKER #8; MARGARET SANBORN – SPEAKER #9; RONALDO DINOAGAN – SPEAKER #14; AURORA CUDAL – SPEAKER #20; MARITA FERRER – SPEAKER #32; GAGANDEEP KAUR – SPEAKER #46; GAJINDER SINGH VIJ – SPEAKER #47; KIRA MAM – SPEAKER #49; ARVINDER MALHOTRA – SPEAKER #56; CHARLES WESLEY KIM, JR. – SPEAKER #88; PHAL CHOURP – SPEAKER #91

I strongly request this Commission follow the response to the Senate and Assembly maps to be submitted by CAPAFR (Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting). CAPAFR's response maps demonstrate a redistricting plan that complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act and unites communities of interest in San Diego County which is easily achieved.

Sincerely,

Arlie Ricasa
Board Member, Sweetwater Union High School District