Dear Commissioners and Staff:

Please see attached letter regarding the visualizations for San Diego County.

Sincerely,

Palma Hooper  
President, SCAPAL

Attached is the document for further reference:

CRC Ltr Suppl1 to CRC Re July 2 Visualizations.doc
July 8, 2011

Via electronic mail

Commissioners of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Comments About Visualizations for San Diego County Districts

Dear Commissioners:

This letter containing the names of additional supporters is a supplement to the letter dated July 7 sent to the Commission from SCAPAL and others via electronic mail yesterday.

We, the undersigned, submit these comments in response to the Commission's July 2, 2011 visualization for San Diego County districts. We make the following three comments about the Commission’s visualization.

1. While it is difficult to tell from the visualization, it appears that the Assembly visualization splits the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community of interest in National City, Paradise Hills, Chula Vista, Bonita and Bay Terrace. Specifically, it appears that the community of interest is split between SSAND and LMSAND. We respectfully ask that the Commission draw lines similar to the CAPAFR-MALDEF-AARC unity map for this area, which draws both a potential Section 2 district for Latinos while also drawing LMSAND in a way that better respects this community of interest. The unity map keeps community institutions in eastern National City and Paradise Hills together in LMSAND with community members who rely on those institutions for key services from East Chula Vista. You were presented with numerous community of interest testimony both in person and via electronic mail to keep this community of interest together.

2. The Commission’s visualization shows Linda Vista submerged in a coastal district. The visualization also shows Poway split from the community of interest in Mira Mesa, the Convoy area of Kearny Mesa, Sorrento Valley, Rancho Penasquitos, Carmel Valley and Rancho Bernardo. We understand that during a recent business meeting, the Commission asked Q2 to see if it would be possible to include Linda Vista and Poway in the RCHMM district, which is what the unity map does. We are encouraged by this direction to Q2 and we look forward to seeing the new visualization.

3. We understand that during a recent business meeting, the Commission had a discussion of whether AAPI communities of interest in San Diego are relevant for the drawing of congressional districts. The needs and interests of these AAPI communities of interest must be taken into account for congressional districts. AAPI communities of interest in San Diego County have common interests on several federal issues, including but not limited to equity issues for Filipino World War II veterans and their families and interests in immigration reform policy such as addressing long waiting times caused by the lengthy family immigration backlog (and we note that people from China, India and the Philippines seeking family-based reunification face among the
longest waiting times of any country). In addition, you were presented with numerous community of interest testimony both in person and via electronic mail about AAPI immigration, health, and education issues. AAPIs in San Diego County need common federal representation for purposes of their fair and effective representation on these issues.

Emails for the undersigned will be provided upon request by the Commission.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ofelia Dirige  
CEO, Executive Director, Co-Founder, Kalusugan Community Services, National City

Benjamin Macapugay  
Marketing Coordinator, Paradise Valley Hospital, National City

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Case Management, Naval Medical Center, San Diego

Florfina Arce  
Past President, University of the Philippines Alumni Association, San Diego Chapter  
Director, COPAO, National City

Ernie Sasis  
We Are One Filipino, Kabataang maka-Bayan,  
Board Member, Filipino American Chamber of Commerce

Kristina Fuerte

Luz Labsan

Marcel Ocampo - We Are One Filipino

Reymon Padilla

Ryan Gabrintina

Teddora Cajucan

Eduardo Alfonso

Edwin Bisco
Thank you for your email regarding the computer meeting from Sacto, I was not able to participate but I would like to re-send my post-map comments and summarize by saying, Do not Break up Central San Diego between 163 and 805, this is not a valid boundary. My low-income community of Linda Vista is being shunted north with affluent suburbs and East with conservative suburbs, and I feel very much all of the 76-5-15-8 highway North Central San Diego should be kept together as an urban low-to-middle income community, we have more in common with 8-5-15-93 South Central San Diego than any suburb north or east. Thank you!

LEG - TO STATE REDISTRICT COMMISSION, [redacted].

Re State Assembly District, I’m currently in 76, Toni Atkins, needs to be 250K:

Proposed map: Linda Vista urban low income included with Pt Loma which is coastal suburban upscale.

Prefer: Do not make any cuts at 163-805 cross, this is not a boundary, neighborhoods on either side are similar. Include Clairemont-Linda Vista, Serra Mesa, boundaries should be 5 on the West, 52 on the North, 15 on the East, and 8 on the South.

Re State Senate District, I’m currently in 39th, Christine Kehoe:

Proposed map, needs to be 500K; Linda Vista, Central San Diego urban low income, put with El Cajon East County suburban, not part of San Diego city.

Prefer: Do not make any boundary line at 163/805 these roads cross at Linda Vista, either side of them are similar neighborhoods. Keep Clairemont, Linda Vista with Serra Mesa, boundaries should be 5 on the West, 52 on the North, 15 on the East, and 94 on the South, including Southern Central San Diego, which is also urban low to moderate income.

Re US Congressional District, I’m currently in 53, Susan Davis:

Proposed map, needs to be 750K: You have put Linda Vista, central San Diego city urban low income, with Poway suburban not in city upscale and coastal upscale neighborhoods.

Prefer: Do not use 163/805 cross area as a boundary, the neighborhoods on either side are similar and should be kept together. Keep Linda Vista, Clairemont area with urban central San Diego low income with boundaries, 5 on the West, 52 on the North, 15 on the East and 8 or 94 on the South, to include South Central San Diego as well.

It is clear to me that you have used the 163/805 interstate crossing between Clairemont and Serra Mesa as a dagger to slash the heart of San Diego.
I do not want a competitive district, I want a representative district, and I do not want to be overshadowed by richer neighborhoods who have more resources to influence and takeover elections.

Thank you.

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Regards, Val Sanfilippo,
Seiu, Sierra, Moveon.
Subject: North Inland San Diego Assembly Seat - No Crossing County Lines Please!
From: [redacted]
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 14:27:27 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
To: [redacted]

Dear Commissioners,

Please keep the map of the North Inland San Diego Assembly district as it was first published, which unites Escondido into one Assembly seat and includes its areas of interest of Valley Center, San Marcos, Hidden Meadows, Fallbrook, Poway, Ramona, etc. Escondido has a agricultural history and should be included with communities in San Diego County.

This makes the most sense.

The silly visualizations showing crossing the Riverside border are nonsense. Please DO NOT stretch this district up into Riverside County which is shares no interest at all with Escondido!

Thanks
Marie Waldron
City Councilmember, Escondido
Subject: Support July 8, 2011 Version of Chula-Vista National City

Message Body:
I am writing to express my strong support for the July 8, 2011 version of the "Chula Vista-National City" congressional district because it unifies San Diego's LGBT community of interest by including Mission Hills and Balboa Park in the district.

Please ensure that San Diego's LGBT community of interest remains unified in one congressional district, as reflected in today's map and as supported by Equality California's recent submission. As a western district boundary, Interstate 5 provides both a natural dividing line and, importantly, ensures that Mission Hills and Balboa Park remain united with the LGBT community of interest, stretching continuously from Mission Hills to Talmadge.

I urge the Commission to RETAIN the July 8, 2011 version of the Chula Vista-National City district and keep San Diego's LGBT community unified from Mission Hills to Talmadge.

Thank you for your hard work and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicholaus W. Norvell

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