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Dear Members of the Commission,

I reviewed with interest the recent maps posted on the website and was dismayed at the prospect of the new proposed changes. The Latino community is a community of interest that ought to stay together a tightly drawn Congressional district. The Latino population in San Diego resides along the border and in South San Diego, San Ysidro, West Chula Vista, National City and central San Diego's historic Latino areas centered around Barrio Logan and the eastern portions of downtown. These communities are tied economically and culturally to the border.

Similarly, the largely Latino population of the Imperial Valley shares the same cultural and economic ties to both the border and the border and Latino communities of southern San Diego. In the United States Congress, attention to border issues is critical—immigration, transportation and commerce to name a few – and should be represented by one member of Congress whose job it is to understand these issues and deliver the best possible representation.

While I know the Commission understands these issues as well as elected or appointed body can, I just wish to emphasize the need for the Latino communities of south San Diego and the Imperial County to be represented to one elected member that comes from the community and shares the same interests, cultural and otherwise.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard and to be part of the public process.

Respectfully,

Lety Garcia. Chavaje

**Subject:** Congressional Line in San Diego

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Dear Redistricting Panel:

I was appalled by the July 1 congressional visualization maps that comingle the heart of the city of San Diego (North Park, South Park, Hillcrest, Mission Hills, Bankers Hill, Kensington, University Heights) with areas like La Mesa and El Cajon.

The center city of San Diego is very diverse with respect to ethnicity and sexual orientation and votes very liberal. Areas like El Cajon, La Mesa, Lakeside, etc. are not that way at all and have a history of being staunchly conservative.

I believe that the congressional district is fine including the border, but not Eastern San Diego County.

Thank you,

John

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