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COUNCIL OF PILIPINO-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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

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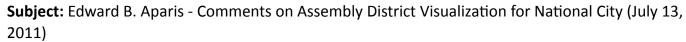
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To:

I am a long time resident of Clairemont, San Diego, California and am vehemently opposed to having Clairemont carved up with by re-districting. NO bad idea! This community has existed since 1950s. It would be a disservice to the community to do this. Sincerely, Linda Jones, voter, tax payer

San Diego, 92117

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Dear Commissioners,

I would like to thank all of you for spearheading such an important role in creating an equitable process in determining our state and congressional district lines. I know all of you have such a daunting task to garner, process, and analyze a vast myriad of public input in this process. I applaud all of you in each of your roles and the individual/unique perspectives each of you bring to the Commission.

Since the first public hearing in San Diego, I have been actively involved as a community member in outreaching and creating awareness to the diverse Asian Pacific American community of San Diego County. Beyond the Asian Pacific American community, I've been in active interaction with a diverse array of community members in South San Diego, specifically residents in East Chula Vista (Eastlake), Southeast San Diego (e.g. Paradise Hills, Bay Terraces, and Alta Vista), Bonita Vista, and East National City.

These communities have a vast array of commonalities, beyond ethnic identity. These areas have the same high schools and middle schools within the same school district, known as the Sweetwater Union High School District. Another commonality is the history of the US military, where many residents in these areas derive from the US Navy, from active duty to military dependents. Many of these residents also were petitioned by their active and retired duty siblings, primarily from the Philippines, to make a new life in East National City, East Chula Vista, and Southeast San Diego.

Education and the US Navy community culture has also bonded us to each other. Within this diverse area composed of many communities, Filipino Americans represent a significant portion of the areas I mentioned.

I grew up in East National City (near the intersection of Division St. and Palm Ave. in National City), attended a school of performing arts program in Chula Vista High School, and later in my high school years moved to East Chula Vista, specifically Eastlake (near the Otay Lakes Road and Eastlake Parkway intersection in Chula Vista). My parents came to America from the Philippines through the US Navy's policy of recruiting Filipinos in the Philippines. Even though we left East National City, we still have strong ties to that area.

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My parents and their family friends still attend St. Mary's Catholic Church (near the East 8th St. and "D" Avenue intersection), shop at Seafood City in National City (near the Palm Ave. and Plaza Blvd. intersection). We also visit extended family that recently settled from the Philippines that reside in East National City. In sum, our communities are interlinked through many socio-economic, ethnic, and family ties. It has created a unique culture and we share this amalgamation of cultural and social characteristics with others in our community, ranging from Latinos, African American, Italian Americans (a continuing Italian American presence is evident with the nearby Little Italy community and some of the older parishioners at St. Mary's Catholic Church), and Pacific Islanders.

These community traits are not exclusive and have a high degree of fluidity. That is why I am asking the Commission to focus on drawing lines similar to the CAPAFR-MALDEF-AARC unity maps for East National City for both Assembly LMSAND and Senate CSAND. These maps not only keep the Filipino American community in East National City intact with other Asian Pacific American communities in East Chula Vista and Southeast San Diego (e.g. Paradise Hills, Bay Terraces, and Alta Vista), but also keep the common community culture that has been cultivated through common educational interests (as described above), economic via the US Navy occupations, and the multitude of culture layers that derive from the same centers of worship we have all frequented (e.g. St. Mary's Catholic Church).

For me, I have thrived in my nonprofit career in South San Diego County, briefly attending law school in San Diego and now applying for a MBA that focuses on augmenting my nonprofit career capacity, interlinking community development and business - an area where I have thrived in the last 8 years.

What has helped me thrive (both personally and professional) in South San Diego has been the diverse community I currently reside; realizing that our commonalities are not exclusive but enriching. These commonalities celebrate our diverse traits everyday and bring so many perspectives in one area which cultivates innovative ideas/principles that sustain the community I have described.

Again, I thank the Commission for reading my email regarding the community of East National City and I hope the next few weeks in finalizing the district lines for our great State progresses well for each of you.

Respectfully yours,

Edward B. Aparis

P.S. I have attached a letter from the Council of Pilipino American Organizations listing the key landmarks of the Filipino community in National City as well as a visual from the Unity Map I referenced of a portion of East National City

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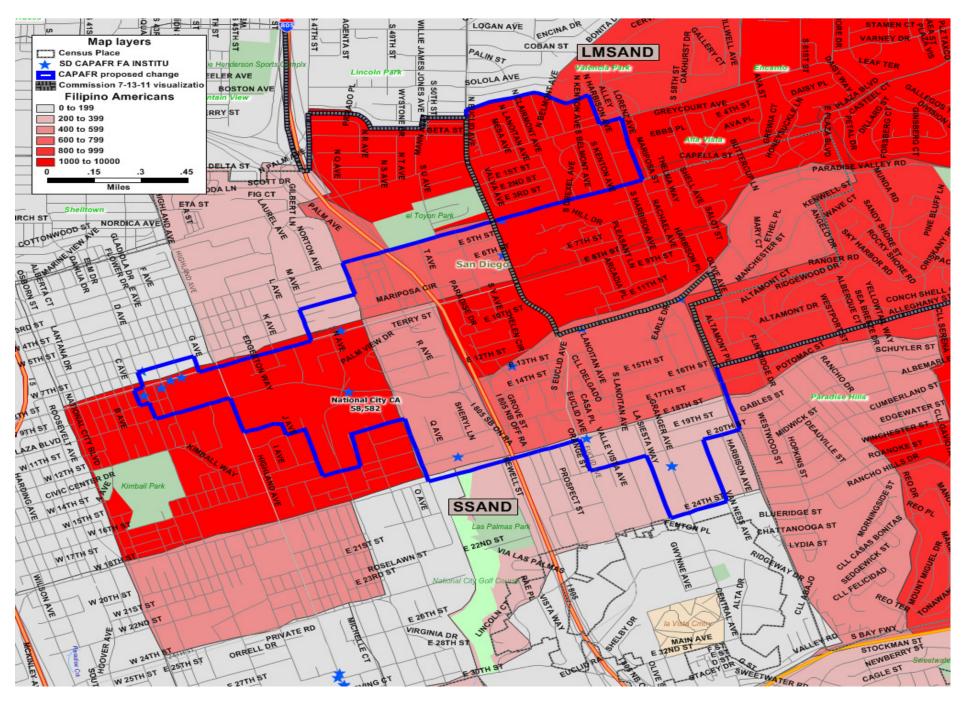
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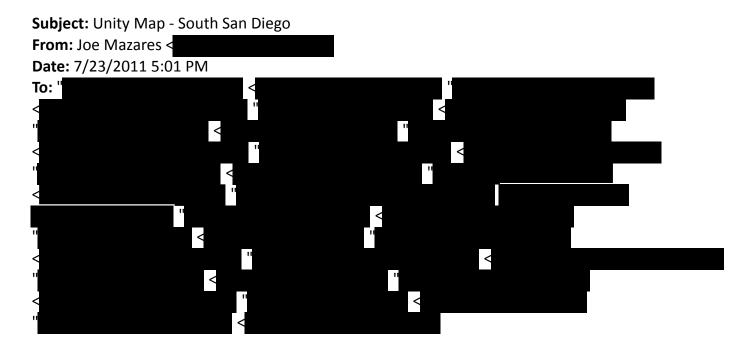
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<u>CAPAFR – MALDEF – AARC Unity Map: East National City</u>





Dear Commissioners,

As a representative body created by proposition of the people of California, I urge you to adopt the "unity" redistricting proposal submitted jointly by the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting CAPAFR, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), and the African American Redistricting Collaborative (AARC). Specific to the County of San Diego and my community of the South Bay, adopting these boundaries adheres to the Commission's criteria of:

- · Districts complying with the Voting Rights Act to ensure that minorities have an equal opportunity to elect representatives of their choice.
- · Districts being contiguous so that all parts of the district are connected to each other.
- · Districts respecting the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of Interest, and minimize their division, to the extent possible.
- · Districts being geographically compact.

South San Diego, which is closely located to the U.S. – Mexico International Border, is a rich, vibrant, and diverse socio-economic community that is unlike any other electoral district in the United States. It is a continuous landscape where its people hold steadfast to their local and global heritages. We border a unique Multicultural perspective (mindset) of sharing our homes, jobs, schools and governmental services amongst the highest concentrations of Latino, Filipino, and African ancestrary in the county. The Commission's own proposal to dissect more specifically the community of East National City will have profound consequences to our citizens and the statewide and federal services that provide for them.

By adopting the "unity" districts, you give voice to shaping a generation over the next ten years. You widen the doorways toward socio-economic improvements and further strengthen our communities under a larger unified voice. Beyond the rhetoric of elected individuals, you, as Commissioners of the FIRST Act, entrust reason to our census in terms of who we are, what we buy, and how investments can be made in South San Diego.

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create gradual divisions of labor and income from South to North, do not let political boundaries dilute us further between West and East. Instead, help bring us together and adopt new districts that are more inclusive and reflective of our shared livelihood-our shared vote for a promised California.

Sincerely,

Joe Mazares

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Re: Proposed 50th District

July 21, 2011

Dear Sir or Madam:

By way of introduction and background, I am the former Congresswoman who represented a large part of the proposed 50th district from 1993 to 1995. It was then labeled the 49th district, and was configured by the California Supreme Court in the redistricting of 1991.

I am not, nor will I be, a candidate for Congress so my comments are free of personal interest and based solely on in depth knowledge of the area.

I will get to the point:

The configuration being proposed is terrible! I know the areas well, not only as the Congresswoman who represented it, but having lived in the area for over 40 years.

San Diego is a county of many communities, some of which may be physically contiguous but have nothing in common with one another—they may as well be in different states!

The communities being knitted together in the proposed 50th don't even have physical proximity, much more common interests. Poway has no contiguous neighborhoods, community of interests or even transportation access with La Jolla, Point Loma or Coronado.

Moreover, significant parts of La Jolla are split from one another. For example, UCSD is the heart of the community, yet the proposal splits this incredibly important resource—important not only to the area but to the country. La Jolla has one of the nation's largest concentrations of Biotech companies on Torrey Pines Mesa. It, too, is split off from its natural alliances.

The primary "community of interest" in San Diego is coastal versus inland. Yet the proposal cobbles together an inland suburban/rural area with the coastal urban areas. They are so divided from one another that there are virtually no transportation or freeway corridors in connecting them.

Please look at the 49th district of the 1990's to see what a balanced district with a community of interests can look like without regard to political registration—the Supreme Court did a fine job back then—the defining community of interests have not changed much in the intervening years, even as the population has grown.

Please reconsider this ill advised proposal so that the people of the respective communities can have their "community of interests" truly represented.

Thank you

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