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Good evening everyone, my name is Serene Kim and I am the Community Outreach Coordinator at Korean American Community Services, otherwise known as KACS. KACS is a non-profit organization that provides vital services and programs for the vulnerable population such as Korean American seniors and low-income families, as well as the greater local community. It is also the only social service agency for the Korean American community within San Jose and Santa Clara County that is government funded. Now, although KACS is located within Santa Clara County's District 4, I am here to represent the Korean American communities of interest within Santa Clara County. I would like to urge the committee to keep my community together in District 5.

The Korean community in Sunnyvale, in particular, is KoreaTown, located along the strip of El Camino in Sunnyvale to Santa Clara. There are many Korean markets, stores, and businesses that would definitely be better if it was kept together. Because of all of these businesses, it indicates that most of the Korean American population within this district goes to that area to either go grocery shopping, get coffee with friends, and do many other activities that create a community of interest. As a Sunnyvale resident who has knowledge about the Korean American community, I ask this Commission to make sure that this strip does not get divided between District 4 and 5.

Thank you for your time.