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Hi, this Brian O'Neill, Below is my public comments for the meeting tonight regarding redistricting Santa Clara County.

My name is Brian O'Neill and I'm a resident of the Almaden Valley Neighborhood. I have lived in Almaden Valley since 1985 when we bought our home there. I have lived in Santa Clara County since 1960 and first lived in the City of Saratoga as an eight-year-old. I was a real estate appraiser for over 40 years in Santa Clara County and was a Senior Appraiser (now retired) at the Assessor's office.

I have watched the county and Almaden Valley change over the decades. I support the coalition's Unity Map.

Our Almaden Valley Neighborhood has been in District 1 since I moved there in 1985 and it's time to move our neighborhood to District 5. The problem has been either Morgan Hill and Gilroy are not paid attention to or our neighbors feel that we are not listening to because there is more attention paid to Gilroy and Morgan Hill.

Sometimes the elected supervisor is from Los Gatos and other times they are from Gilroy. I have more affinity to Los Gatos, Saratoga, and Palo Alto than Morgan Hill and Gilroy. Our issues and needs are definitely different from Gilroy and Morgan Hill. I'm sure that if Gilroy and Morgan Hill were in a separate district, they would feel that they have a stronger voice.

I support the coalition's Unity Map because my neighborhood, Almaden Valley, would have a larger voice in District 5.

Thank you,  
Brain O'Neill

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