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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Object to Commissioner & Unity Draft Plans fro SCC
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Dear Sirs/Madams on the Redistricting Commission:

First, thank you for your service on this commission. Your time is greatly appreciated.

Second, today I was reviewing some of the proposed redistricting maps on the website ([2021 Redistricting Process - Office of the County Executive - County of Santa Clara \(sccgov.org\)](#)).

I object to the following draft plans:

1. Commissioners Draft Plan
2. Unity Plan.

(Please note: I also object to the use of the term "Unity Plan." This term is a marketing term used to convey a message that this plan will "unify" people. There is no evidence that this plan does this. This plan should be referred to with a letter designation like all the other plans submitted by community members. Allowing the use of this term indicates favoritism.)

Some of the bases for my objections are outlined below:

1. Politically Motivated Redistricting

As noted in a San Jose Spotlight article (<https://sanjosespotlight.com/san-jose-redistricting-angers-downtown-residents/>) the Commissioners Draft Plan and Unity Plan appear to eliminate the only 2 "business" or fiscally conservative candidates from participating in the District 1 Supervisor race. This is unacceptable. It appears to be politically motivated.

2. Separating Almaden Community from similar Communities

Almaden Valley has more in common with New Almaden and Blossom Valley, than with Los Gatos, Campbell and Willow Glen, in my view.

- a. For example, the residents of Almaden use the Quicksilver, Santa Teresa, Uvas County Park and other county parks in the south versus parks in these other noted cities
- b. You are separating pieces of San Jose City Council District 10 (This will increase difficulty in coordinating activities between SCC and San Jose.)
- c. Based on my travel patterns, I am less likely to travel to Los Gatos, Campbell, and Willow Glen than to Blossom Valley, Oakridge Mall, and Gilroy. I may travel through Los Gatos on 85 for work or to the medical appointments near Los Gatos but actually in San Jose. But I am not visiting these areas as often as in the other directions. I feel no or limited common interest with Los Gatos or Campbell.

3. Funding & Service Issues

Since Los Gatos and Campbell are different cities their fiscal health seems significantly better than San Jose. San Jose has a significant job/housing imbalance, etc. The interests of the citizens of these communities may be significantly different from residents in Almaden Valley.

4. Placing Almaden Valley with a Supervisor we did not elect

If the Commissioners Draft Plan or Unity plan are implemented, Almaden Valley will be placed with a supervisor we did not elect and who is not up for election in the near future.

Please reject both of these plans. Please work to maintain Almaden Valley within SCC District 1.

Again, thank you for your time.

Best regards,
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