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My family lives in Redwood Estates, in the Lexington Hills area of unincorporated Santa Clara County, which has been part of District 1 for as long as I've lived here, more than 25 years. Lexington Hills is adjacent to the Town of Los Gatos, also in District 1. Residents of this area are served by the Los Gatos Union School District (LGUSD), and have Los Gatos mailing addresses, although we are outside the town limits.

I want to offer a comment expressing concerns with the maps submitted for consideration. All four proposals -- Commissioner's Draft Plan, Plan X2, Plan X3, and Maptitude Unity Draft Plan -- propose moving the Town of Los Gatos out of District 1 and into either District 4 or District 5. Only one of these four maps -- Plan X3 -- would keep the Lexington Hills area, where I live, together with the Town of Los Gatos.

It concerns me that the majority of the maps under consideration would divide a community of interest of which I am a member, families served by LGUSD. The district has four elementary schools and one middle school, all but one of them inside the boundary line of the Town. Children living in the Los Gatos Mountains attend Lexington Elementary school, which is outside the town limits, then Fisher Middle School and Los Gatos High School in the town.

Residents of unincorporated Santa Clara County have no representation in town or city councils -- we are only able to vote in school board elections and County elections. Dividing the supervisorial districts such that there is a new boundary between the families of one elementary school and those of the other schools in that district's service area would be detrimental to the community of voters living in that unincorporated area of the county.

As a resident of District 1, I would prefer for my community to remain a part of District 1. However, as a resident of the Los Gatos Mountains and the LGUSD service area, I would prefer for my neighborhood to be part of the same supervisorial district as the Town of Los Gatos. If one of the above four draft maps presented for consideration is approved, the one I would support is Plan X3, which would keep the neighborhood communities of Lexington Hills together with the Town of Los Gatos in the same supervisorial district.

Thank you,

Alexia Worsham, resident of Redwood Estates in Santa Clara County