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Subject: [EXTERNAL] South County Does NOT Want Proposed "Unity" Map for Supervisor Districts Which Would Weaken Our Representation
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Supervisors and Redistricting Commission:

Do not accept the "Unity" Map. Marilyn and I are Morgan Hill residents. I ask that you do the right thing and that you don't let the "Dis-Unity" map be a means to silence residents of South County's voices and lessen its representation and influence.

The lines of the proposed map will dissect the current District so that Almaden Valley and Los Gatos Will no longer be included with Morgan Hill and Gilroy and will be replaced by other, further away areas of San Jose (Evergreen, Communication Hill and Cambrian), which makes no logical sense when you look at the lines on the map or rational sense to combine the South County with more densely populated San Jose areas.

We are worried our voice in the more rural South County will be overshadowed by the more densely populated areas of San Jose. Further, it's important to keep the rural portions of Los Gatos and Almaden Valley with Morgan Hill and Gilroy for wildfire prevention and a coordinate emergency response.

District 1 should maintain its current boundaries with minor changes rather than overhaul all the boundaries, which have worked so well for the South County and the County as a whole.

So the question you have to ask yourself is why was this map proposed and is that fair and just? As a public servant, I ask for you to do the right thing and don't let South County's voice be silenced. Thanks for your consideration.

Matt and Marilyn Wendt
Residents of the City of Morgan Hill