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Dear Redistricting Commission,

This is Ping, a Cupertino resident and registered voter. I have had deep concern for the current district map under which Cupertino voters were under-represented.

As you can see in the map, somehow Cupertino is like a dent carving out of West Valley Cities (Saratoga, Los Altos, Los Gatos, West San Jose). Cupertino is being lumped with East Bay cities like Union City, Newark, Fremont, Milpitas, East San Jose with whom we have no shared interests whatsoever. In stead, Cupertino has lots of shared interests such as school districts (CUSD & FUHSD), freeways (85 & 280), public transit (VTA), water (SJWC), community services (WVCS) with adjacent cities like Saratoga, Los Altos, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale.

With the current district map, I don't think the voice of Cupertino voters has been heard well or represented properly. It makes logical sense to 1. Move Cupertino, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara into CD18 leading to a congressional district (a clean contiguous map without an artificial dent) with lot of similar sized towns sharing borders, interests and infrastructure. 2. Move San Jose into CD17 leading to district of contiguous block from Union City, Fremont, Newark, Milpitas, San Jose with largest cities being San Jose & Fremont.

Thank you,  
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Cupertino Resident and Registered Voter