Dear Honorable County Districts' Reapportionment Commission;

As a former member of the County Board of Supervisors representing the 4th District, may I stress the need to keep the core area of that district together. Retaining communities of interest in a single district is one of the foremost precepts of redistricting law.

The westside of San Jose, Campbell, the Cambrian Park and Burbank unincorporated pockets, and the Willow Glen, Rose Garden, and Shasta Hanchett neighborhoods, as well as the City of Santa Clara have overlapping education programs, related traffic issues, intertwined trail and bicycle systems, intermix the use of their parks, medical, and social services and relate to each other as a single community.

These neighborhoods have been in the same district for nearly a century. They share a common proximity to the airport and Guadalupe Park. Many residents of these neighborhoods participated in the Stroll the Alameda gathering just last week. These neighborhoods share an affinity to Santa Clara University. They also share proximity to Valley Fair and Santana Row, e.g. a portion of Valley Fair is in both San Jose and Santa Clara.

Might the commission please especially try to keep Santa Clara, Rose Garden and Shasta Hanchett, the very core of the district, in Supervisorial District 4.

Thank you. Be safe.

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