Hi Supervisors and Redistricting Committee,

Thank you for taking our comments about redistricting our Santa Clara County.

We are longtime residents of Santa Clara County from District 1, currently represented by Mike Wasserman. We would strongly prefer District 1 maintain its current boundaries with minor tweaks instead of the drastic proposed changes with the Unity Map.

The Updated Unity Map appears to have been created by politically motivated insiders and biased outside special interests instead of local Santa Clara County residents. It has been designed to dissect neighborhoods with common interests and ignore the needs in our communities in District 1.

We feel strongly that it is important to keep the rural portions of Los Gatos and Almaden Valley together with the rural south county for wildfire prevention, disaster preparedness, emergency operations, roads, parks and overall citizen representation.

We strongly oppose the Updated Unity Map because we do not feel that our voices will be represented when overshadowed by the more densely populated urban areas of San Jose and the Updated Unity Map does not create five fairly equally populated districts.

Thoughtfully and respectfully,

Thomas & Brenda Dohmen
District 1