



LATINO LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE



Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Asian Law Alliance, La Raza Roundtable, Latino Leadership Alliance, NAACP San Jose/Silicon Valley, Silicon Valley Rising Action, and the South Bay Labor Council, we would like to submit the following proposed Unity Map for the County of Santa Clara to the Citizens Redistricting Commission. See the map here: <https://districtr.org/plan/63279>

As the County considers how to approach redistricting, reflecting on the spread of voter suppression across the country and even recent events in our region that have divided communities, we decided it was important as groups representing the diversity of this County to try to work together to produce a Unity Map as a way to bring together communities of interest and build a consensus for fair, equitable lines across racial, ethnic and social divides.

These line would retain the majority-minority Asian and Hispanic districts. They would also keep whole the important communities of interest named throughout the community process and in recent meetings by commissioners. Additionally, these lines would bring together communities of interest along South County and into South San Jose, which had been previously divided, thereby creating greater diversity and equity for communities of color whose voices had been watered down. It would also bring communities of interest in Los Gatos and Almaden Valley together with West Valley residents, in reflection of community input and the similar demographic nature.

If you have any questions about this map, please contact Jeffrey Buchanan (jeffrey.buchanan@svraction.org). We hope the commission will consider this map, and we would like to request the opportunity to present it to the Commission for its consideration and discussion.

Signed,

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