Dear Redistricting Commission

As a County resident, I am writing in support of the Santa Clara County Redistricting Unity Map, which will ensure all of our votes have equal weight, each of our voices equal stature, and each of our communities equal resources—creating a more equitable and just County for our Black, Latino, Asian and indigenous neighbors. I believe we need to do more than balance populations; we need to also keep and bring communities together.

I support these lines because they are supported by civil rights, labor, and cultural organizations in Santa Clara County, such as the Asian Law Alliance, NAACP Silicon Valley, and the Latino Leadership Alliance, with growing support from communities of interest by the day.

The Unity Map would ensure that Asian-Americans and Latinx County voters continue to have a powerful voice in majority-minority districts, while also keeping together key communities of interest, like the City of Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Berryessa, and Penitencia Creek. Further South, communities of color, whose voices have been diminished by a historic divide between South County and South San Jose, will finally have an equitable say in our elections. It also brings communities of interest in Almaden Valley, Santa Teresa and Los Gatos together with Saratoga, Monte Sereno and Los Altos.

Please support the Santa Clara County Unity Map, so we can chart our County on a course for fair and equitable elections.

Sincerely,

Marick Payton