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Community Testimony on Redistricting

VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

(Oct 1st, 2021)

Dear Commission Chair, and Respected Members,

Of San Jose City and Santa Clara County Redistricting Commissions,

My name is Tam Nguyen, a Vietnamese-American. I have lived in San Jose continuously for 42 years and have actively engaged in Vietnamese-American community.

Today I speak as a concerned resident, and especially on behalf of VIVO community foundation, a non-profit agency that has been providing great services to the local community for the past 35 years.

For the past two months, VIVO staff has conducted many community outreaches via many media forum, including printed, radio, and social media to thousands of Vietnamese-American living and working in Santa Clara County. Especially VIVO has organized four webinar meetings that attracted more than a hundred participants and community representatives in total.

The topic of redistricting, especially the issues of "Community of Interest", has caught the people's interest and received many inputs.

First, the good news: The great majority of points of interest and community of interests are well within the existing boundaries of San Jose City Districts 4, 7, and 8, and Santa Clara Districts 2 and 3, and as such they do not face threats of being cut off left out, in expectation of the new boundaries being drawn up for these districts.

The community members also identified several locations, points of interest, places where people live, work, and socializes. They include the following:

- -San Jose Business District / Little Saigon: Story Road area which includes several businesses and points of interest such as Century Mall, Vietnam Town and Lion Market.
- -Viet Museum on Senter Rd

- -VASC, 2410 Senter Rd
- -Caribees Shopping Center, Senter Rd
- -Lees Market, Senter Rd
- -Maria Goretti Church, Senter Rd
- -Marina Market, Senter & Monterey Rd
- -VACC, 2072 Lucretia Ave
- -Church Lady of Refuge, Lucretia Ave
- -Viet Heritage Garden, 1499 Roberts Ave
- -Viet Community Gardens, 1499 Roberts Ave
- -Duc Vien Temple, corner of Tully & McLaughlin
- -Coffee Lovers, Aborn Av & Capitol Ave
- -Lion Plaza on King & Tully corner

The members of the Vietnamese-American who have responded to VIVO's outreach, have expressed the desire to maintain the current community tie by keeping those points of interest and Community of interest together so that they will continue to enjoy them and help make our community a better place to live, work, have family, and build a future.

Finally, one important idea that they suggested, is to organize the district in such a way that there will be enough Vietnamese-American voters so that they will elect a council-member who speak Vietnamese and understand the values of the heritage, culture, challenges, and needs.

Again, thank you very much for your hard work on this important issue, and for giving me the opportunity to speak on behalf of VIVO and community members.

I include here some maps as a result of our outreach efforts.

Thank you,

Tam Nguyen,
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VIVO Foundation San Jose

PS: Attached please find in the next page an appendix with a map of the Community of Interest for the Vietnamese-American community.

APPENDIX

MAPS OF VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

