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To: SCC BOS Redistricting Advisory Commission
Subject: Current district lines violate West Valley's Community of Interest

Dear Commissioners,

Although I am affiliated with several community groups in SCC (Chair of the Leagues of Women Voters of Santa Clara County; Member of the Sourcewise (Area Agency on Aging for SCC) Advisory Council; Coordinator/Leader of the Los Gatos/ Saratoga Service Providers network), my comments here are strictly my personal opinion and represent my views only.

There is a strong connection between Saratoga and Los Gatos (including Monte Sereno) in the area of community service providers. These groups who have been and continue to work closely together represent a strong community of interest, particularly for seniors and for the disadvantaged in such areas as senior nutrition programs, senior communications, adult day care, adult recreation, senior transportation, economically disadvantaged care support, food banks, housing assistance, community health services, and domestic violence support. Groups in Campbell and Cupertino are also closely associated with these community activities; an example is the West Valley Community Services organization that is officially located in Cupertino but runs weekly mobile food bank and care support in Saratoga and Los Gatos and well as provides housing and other assistance throughout the West Valley geographic area. In addition to the continuing close communication and cooperation between nonprofit service providers in Los Gato and Saratoga, the Town/City administrators also are in close communication to provide support as needed.

Current Supervisor Districts do not serve our communities of interest. The connection between Palo Alto and Saratoga in District 5 is very weak. The connection between Los Gatos and Gilroy (or east San Jose) is very weak. The "West Valley" region of our county, including Los Gatos/ Monte Sereno, Saratoga, Campbell, Cupertino is a strong community of interest for everyone living in this area, including seniors, service providers, disadvantaged, families and citizens in general. Please redraw the Supervisory District lines to respect the West Valley's strong community of interest.

Thank you,
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