

Media Advisory - APAC's Appeal to the Redistricting Commission

San Diego, CA – On behalf of Asian American Coalition (APAC), a letter of appeal was sent to San Diego City Redistricting Commission to remind them of standing firm and not to give in to the pressure from people who have the loudest and most aggressive voices during the deliberation at the November 13, 2021, redistricting meeting for which a Final Preliminary map will be chosen. At previous hearings, it has been disheartening witnessing commissioners being bullied and intimidated to the point of one commissioner resigning and now other commissioners are being targeted.

APAC reminds the Commission that sound decisions should be based solely on fair and effective representation for all citizens and not to give in to the people who have the loudest voice; that the Commission represent the City of San Diego's over 1.3 million people and the Commission cannot accomplish the very important task if they give in to intimidation and manipulation by special interests.

"These types of strong-armed tactics are detrimental to our democracy and go against the very fiber of freedom and justice. Freedom of speech should not come at the cost of silencing the voices of others, attacking commissioners' credibility, and slandering their character, and forcing decisions to be made out of fear of being perceived not going along with the climate of demand for equity. When you look at the makeup of our public officials in City Hall, diversity and equity are not lacking", says Cynthia Suero-Gabler, APAC Board Vice Chair and the Chair of APAC Subcommittee on Redistricting.

APAC does not support the Neighborhood Voices map nor the San Diego Communities Collaboration Map. APAC supports an Asian empowerment district, and believes it is possible to achieve this goal without either of these two maps. We believe that all voices should be equitably heard and can certainly agree to disagree respectfully.

[See attached letter.](#)

Thank you very much,

Cynthia Suero-Gabler

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