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City of San Diego Redistricting Commissioners
202 C Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear City of San Diego Redistricting Commissioners:

We want to thank you for voluntarily serving on this commission. We have watched the redistricting meetings week after week, and it has been disheartening witnessing commissioners being intimidated to the point of one commissioner resigning. Now other commissioners are being targeted. 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 is not lacking. This is by far the most challenging commission for anyone to serve on, and we commend you for volunteering for this task.

Your 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. Remember, as commissioners, you represent the City of San Diego's over 1.3 million people as you work collectively with the community to preserve identifiable communities of interest and ensure local legislatures are representative of the City's diverse population. You cannot accomplish this very important task if you give in to intimidation. Therefore, we encourage you to continue to be strong and persevere. In the words of Rosa Parks, "You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right."

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

We want to thank you again for all that you have done and continue to do in this long process.

Sincerely,

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Co-founder of APAC

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