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To The Redistricting Commission,

As always, we appreciate your efforts, engagement, and late nights during the last six commission meetings.

Assembly Bill No. [849](#) The Fair And Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities And Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act states to the extent practicable, district lines will be adopted using the following criteria:

- (1) geographically contiguous districts (each city council district should share a common border with the next),
- (2) the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division,
- (3) geographic integrity of a city shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division,
- (4) easily identifiable boundaries that follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.), and
- (5) lines shall be drawn to encourage geographic compactness. In addition, boundaries shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

The commission should also apply County criteria governing the redistricting process which states to “**preserve the integrity of neighborhoods and local communities of interest**, which are populations that share common social or economic interests that should be included within a single supervisorial district for purposes of effective and fair representation. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.”

The Community and D4 maps are the only maps currently proposed which follow these written laws, do not divide neighborhoods and communities of interest, and does not discriminate against or in favor of a political party.

Please do NOT advance the Unity map which dramatically changes the boundaries, divides multiple neighborhoods and communities of interest, does not follow easily identifiable boundaries, and in the opinion of many, was drawn for the purpose of favoring a political party.

Please follow the law and do not further divide Willow Glen as well as other neighborhoods. Please advance the Community map and/or D4.

Respectfully,

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