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California Citizens Redistricting Commission 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your service to our State as part of the Citizens Redistricting Commission. We truly admire your commitment to public service and drawing fair lines that keep communities of interest together.

We are writing to you today as the Chief Executive Officers of five Chambers of Commerce in the Danville Area, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon. Together, we represent the communities of Alamo, Blackhawk, Diablo, Danville, San Ramon, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and surrounding unincorporated areas of both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. We are located at the intersection of the Highways 580 and 680 interchange in the East Bay Area.

Major landmarks connecting the Tri-Valley include the Diablo Range to the east -- including Mount Diablo State Park -- and the East Bay hills to the west.

Although each of our communities has unique features and characteristics, they are closely intertwined and interconnected and widely known as the Tri-Valley community.

Here are some facts about what binds our community as the "Tri-Valley Region" -

- Tri-Valley local governments including the Town of Danville and Cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and San Ramon collaborate significantly in setting local policy and in advocacy together at the County, State and Federal levels.
- We advocate together for regional issues, like housing, transportation, health care and jobs, and partner
 with non-profit organizations serving our region, such as the Tri-Valley Haven, Tri-Valley Conservancy, and
 the Tri-Valley Non-Profit Alliance, Innovation Tri-Valley and Visit Tri-Valley.
- Innovation Tri-Valley studies show the Tri-Valley region yields a \$42B GDP, functioning as "Silicon Valley East." Visit Tri-Valley represents our cities collectively, as our tourism bureau.
- The Tri-Valley community residents work, live and play here and shop along the 580/680 corridor. Many of our kids play on leagues based in the Tri-Valley, including soccer, football, baseball, and cricket.

- Several of our Tri-Valley communities share Special Districts. In the San Ramon Valley, we share our school
 district and our fire district the San Ramon Valley Unified School District and San Ramon Valley Fire
 Protection District, which encompasses Alamo, Blackhawk, Diablo, Danville and San Ramon. Our water
 districts such as East Bay Municipal Utilities District, Dublin-San Ramon Services District and Zone 7
 represent us, as aligned communities. Pleasanton and Livermore also share the Pleasanton Livermore Fire
 District.
- People who live and work here also partake in the great cultural and community events held throughout the Tri-Valley The Livermore Rodeo, Dublin's St. Patrick's Day, and the Danville 4th of July Parade.
- We also take part in food & wine festivals and major cultural festivals and charity events, based in the Tri-Valley region.
- Finally, our five Chambers of Commerce form the Tri-Valley Chamber of Commerce Alliance.

Beyond what we consider the traditional Tri-Valley region, we also share Las Positas Community College as well as the Valley Link Rail project, which connects the Tri-Valley to San Joaquin Valley communities. Many of these residents may live in San Joaquin but work in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, particularly at Sandia National Lab or Lawrence Livermore National Lab.

All this connectivity within the Tri-Valley is because of the shared interests, common goals, our regional economy, culture, and commutes to and from work.

We respectfully request that you keep our Tri-Valley region and our communities whole and together. This will allow our elected legislative leaders to represent us efficiently and our government to function more effectively.

Respectfully submitted,







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