



GROSSMONT-MT. HELIX IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Preserving the Character of Our Community

November 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Proposed County Supervisorial Redistricting

To the members of the Independent Redistricting Commission:

The Grossmont-Mt. Helix Improvement Association (GMIA) would like to express our concerns about the proposed redistricting of our county supervisorial district. GMIA is an 83-year-old community advocacy organization that represents more than 7,000 households and has over 1,100 member households in unincorporated East County.

Our area represents a population of 20,000 people in the Grossmont-Mt. Helix area that is east of Bancroft Drive, south of El Cajon, generally north of State Route 94 and Rancho San Diego and west of Jamacha Road. Our community is a primarily semi-rural area with parcels averaging half an acre or more.

GMIA has worked with county and regional governmental entities to help resolve issues that impact our community. We share common social and economic interests with other communities and cities in our area. They include:

- City of El Cajon
- City of Lemon Grove
- City of La Mesa
- Casa de Oro (Unincorporated East County)
- Rancho San Diego (Unincorporated East County)
- Spring Valley (Unincorporated East County)
- Jamul (Unincorporated East County)
- Crest (Unincorporated East County)
- Alpine (Unincorporated East County)

Our governmental services are already closely tied with these communities. The Grossmont-Mt. Helix area shares fire services under the San Miguel Fire District with Crest, La Presa, Rancho San Diego and Spring Valley. Our water service is provided by the Helix Water District, which also serves the city of La Mesa, the city of Lemon Grove, the city of El Cajon and other unincorporated East County areas.

We share the Cajon Valley Unified School District and the Grossmont Union High School District school with our neighboring communities. The Grossmont-Mt. Helix area is included in

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Trustee Area 2 of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District, along with La Mesa and Rancho San Diego.

We are also part of the Grossmont Healthcare District, which covers all of East County. Law enforcement in our area is provided by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department with a station located in Rancho San Diego, which serves our area along with Casa de Oro, Jamul, Rancho San Diego, and Spring Valley.

We offer the following comments on the latest proposed district maps:

IRC Draft Map 9: We generally approve of grouping our area with other nearby East County cities and communities. However, we are concerned about including a portion of the city of San Diego on the west and the exclusion of Spring Valley in the south.

IRC Draft Map 10: We have grave concerns about this proposal. It divides East County and extends our supervisorial district deep into the city of San Diego. Our semi-rural community is more aligned with other similar communities in East County than in more densely populated areas in San Diego.

IRC Draft 11, 12A and 12B: We have the same concerns about extending the district into the city of San Diego.

We want to thank the commissioners for taking on the difficult task of redrawing district lines, and we appreciate the opportunity to provide comment. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Respectfully,



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