Narrative for San Diego and Imperial County Assembly Districts

Unity Priorities

- *Southern San Diego community of interest and Section 2 district*: Commission District SSAND is a majority-Latino CVAP district but is drawn in a way that splits some neighborhoods of historic significance to Latino communities and also splits diverse communities of interest to the east. Specifically, Barrio Logan is split between SSAND and CNSAN, and the boundary between SSAND and LMSAND splits an Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community of interest, dividing community members in Eastern Chula Vista, Eastern National City and Paradise Hills from fellow community members in Bay Terrace, Bonita and the remaining portion of Eastern Chula Vista. The Commission received public testimony asking both Logan Heights and the AAPI community of interest to be kept whole, and Unity District SSAND accommodates this testimony. Unity District SSAND is a potential Section 2 district and is drawn with a Latino CVAP of 50.8%, including the core neighborhoods of Logan Heights, Barrio Logan, Sherman Heights, and Grant Hill together, as the Commission heard should be together via testimony. Unity District SSAND also takes in almost all of City Heights to place the diverse immigrant and refugee population residing there together with immigrant populations to the south with similar socioeconomic interests. City Heights was also previously in this district during the 1990s and has a past civic engagement relationship with communities to the south. Unity District CNSAN is contiguous since ferry service exists within the district to and from Coronado Island.

- *Diverse AAPI and African American communities of interest in and around the eastern part of the City of San Diego*: As described above, the boundary between Commission Districts SSAND and LMSAND splits an AAPI community of interest. Unity District LMSAND unifies this community of interest, including Filipino American community institutions in Eastern National City that are relied upon by AAPI community members for key services. Testimony previously submitted to the Commission outlines the socioeconomic needs and interests shared by this community of interest. The district also preserves the integrity of an African American community of interest residing in Emerald Hills, Encanto, Lincoln Park, Valencia Park and Skyline. Lastly, the district maintains the integrity of a Vietnamese American community interest residing in a small portion of City Heights, Talmadge, Oak Park, El Cerrito and Redwood Village (formerly Darnall). In sum, Unity District LMSAND contains diverse communities whose AAPI, African American and Latino residents have a history of working together to meet their common socioeconomic and educational needs.

- *Community of interest in Imperial County/Coachella Valley and Section 2 district*: The Commission received significant public testimony about a community of interest in Imperial County and the Coachella Valley area of Riverside County. This community of interest shares interests around a variety of issues, including interests pertaining to the U.S.-Mexico border and agricultural interests. This community of interest is split between Commission Districts IMSAND and COACH. Unity District IMPRV preserves the integrity of this community of interest. The district is also drawn as a potential Section 2 district, with

Latinos constituting 50.3% of the district's CVAP, in comparison to Commission District IMSAND which has a Latino CVAP of under 30%.

- *Community of interest in north central San Diego County (Mira Mesa and adjacent areas)*: Commission District RCHMM preserves almost all of the integrity of the north county community of interest consisting of Mira Mesa, the Convoy area of Kearny Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Sorrento Valley, Carmel Valley and Rancho Bernardo, except that Poway is contained in Commission District NESAN, isolating Poway in a rural district with dissimilar communities. Unity District RCHMM unites all of this community of interest, which the Commission received significant testimony about. The district also includes Linda Vista, which in the Commission's draft is isolated in District CNSAN, a coastal district containing dissimilar communities.

<u>Other Priorities</u>

- *San Diego/Orange County border*: The Commission received significant public testimony asking that the border between San Diego and Orange Counties be treated as a hard line not to be crossed. The unity map respects the priority articulated by many members of the public, and no San Diego County districts in the unity map cross into Orange County.

- *Northern San Diego County areas*: Unity Districts NCSAN and SANTM retains a modified version of the boundary between Commission Districts NCSAN and NESAN, including the Commission draft's treatment of the cities of Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, Escondido, Fallbrook and Bonsall. However, Unity District SANTM, which includes Fallbrook, Bonsall, San Marcos and Escondido, goes north to include Temecula rather than taking in the rural, northeastern portion of San Diego County. Northeastern San Diego County is contained in Unity District NESAND along with the rest of eastern San Diego County to create a district better aligned along community of interest similarities. Unity District SANTM goes north to Riverside County to take into account testimony indicating that it would be preferable to take in Temecula rather than portions of Orange County, if additional population was required for a San Diego County district.

- *Coastal district*: Unity District CNSAN retains the basic concept of Commission District CNSAN and preserves the integrity of San Diego County coastal areas whose residents and businesses share common economic, tourism and recreational interests.

Narrative for Orange County Assembly Districts

Unity Priorities

- *Southern Los Angeles County-Northern Orange County community of interest*: The Commission received significant testimony about the cross-county community of interest residing in Cerritos, Artesia, Cypress, La Palma, Buena Park, Fullerton and Brea. The Commission's draft map splits this community of interest between Commission Districts WESTC and ANAFL. Unity District CERFL unifies this community of interest.

- *Santa Ana-Central Anaheim-East Garden Grove community of interest and Section 2 district*: The Commission received significant testimony asking that the community of interest in Santa Ana, East Garden Grove, and Central Anaheim (generally bounded by the I-5, 57 Freeway, and 91 Freeway) be kept intact. This community of interest is split between Commission Districts SNANA and ANAFL. The Commission's draft map also disrupts an existing district configuration that has provided Latino voters with an effective opportunity to elect preferred candidates. Unity District SNANA unifies this community of interest. Unity District SNANA is also a district potentially required by Section 2 of the VRA, with a geographically compact population of Latinos in Santa Ana, Garden Grove east of West Street/Harbor Blvd, and Central Anaheim making up 52.6% of the district's CVAP.

- *Little Saigon*: The Commission received significant testimony about the Little Saigon community of interest, consisting of Garden Grove, Westminster, Fountain Valley, west Santa Ana, Midway City and Stanton. This community of interest is kept mostly intact in Commission District WESTC, although the part of Little Saigon in west Santa Ana is placed in a separate district, splitting it from the rest of Little Saigon. Unity District WESTC unifies this community of interest, except that Stanton is placed in adjoining Unity District CERFL to reduce a further split of Anaheim.

- *City of Irvine*: The Commission received testimony asking that the City of Irvine be kept whole and placed together with Tustin and North Tustin. Commission District TUSTO accommodates this testimony. Unity District TUSTO is largely the same as Commission District TUSTO, except that most of Orange is taken into the district while Villa Park is removed and placed in Unity District DBRYL to the north.

Other Priorities

- *Long Beach/Orange County border*: The Commission received significant public testimony asking that the Long Beach/Orange County border generally be treated as a hard line, although some testimony provided a countervailing view, with members of the public indicating that it would be acceptable to have Los Alamitos, Rossmoor and Seal Beach be included in a Los Angeles County district. The unity map accommodates this testimony by not crossing the Long Beach/Orange County border. The unity map does cross the county border in other areas where supported by public testimony. Specifically, supported by public testimony at the Commission's input hearings, Unity District CERFL takes Cerritos and

Artesia into a district that includes north Orange County cities such as Buena Park and Fullerton to preserve the community of interest described above.

- *Orange/San Diego County border*: The Commission received significant public testimony asking that the border between Los Angeles and Orange Counties be treated as a hard line not to be crossed. The unity map respects the priority articulated by many members of the public, and no Orange County districts in the unity map cross into San Diego County.

- *Coastal district*: The Commission received some testimony to draw a coastal district that includes Seal Beach, Sunset Beach, Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa and Newport Beach. Commission District CSTOC accommodates this priority, and the unity plan leaves this district unchanged in Unity District CSTOC.

- *South Orange County*: The Commission received testimony to keep south Orange County cities together, including Laguna Beach, Laguna Woods, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Hills, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, Coto De Caza, San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point and San Clemente, while stopping at the county line. Commission District STHOC accommodates this priority, except that Lake Forest is in Commission District TUSTO and Laguna Beach is in Commission District CSTOC. Unity District STHOC leaves this configuration unchanged.

Narrative for Assembly Districts in South Bay Area of Los Angeles County

Unity Priorities

- *Torrance-Gardena-Harbor Gateway community of interest*: The Commission received testimony asking that the community of interest in Torrance, Gardena south of Rosecrans Avenue, and the Harbor Gateway area adjacent to Gardena be kept together. This community is split between Commission Districts LAPVB and LAIHG. The city boundary between Torrance and Gardena cuts into neighborhoods and institutions and should not be followed. Unity District LAPVB unifies this community of interest. Unity District LAPVB also includes Catalina Island which has ferry service to and from Redondo Beach.

- *Carson community of interest*: The Commission heard testimony asking that different communities of interest in Carson be kept whole by keeping Carson whole. Commission District LAWBC respects this testimony. Unity District LAWBC also keeps Carson whole.

- *Long Beach Cambodian American neighborhoods*: The Commission heard testimony asking that the two Cambodian neighborhoods in Long Beach be kept whole. Commission District LALBS respects this testimony. The unity plan keeps the two neighborhoods whole in Unity Districts LALBS and LAWBC. The two neighborhoods are separated from each other in order to respect other communities in North Long Beach and South Los Angeles.

Other Priorities

- *Long Beach/Orange County border*: The Commission heard significant testimony from the public requesting that any district including Long Beach not include any portion of Orange County. Commission District LALBS respects the border between Long Beach and Orange County. Unity District LALBS also respects the border.

- *Beach district from Palos Verdes to El Segundo*: The Commission heard significant testimony asking for the creation of a beach district. Commission District LAPVB accomplishes this community request. Unity District LAPVB also respects the priority articulated by beach city residents.

Narrative for Assembly Districts in South Los Angeles Area of Los Angeles County and Southeastern Los Angeles County

Unity Priorities

- *South Los Angeles community of interest:* The Commission heard significant testimony regarding an African American community of interest that includes Crenshaw, Leimert Park, and Baldwin Hills in the north and Watts and Compton to the south. Like the Commission draft, the unity plan creates four districts that respect this community: Unity Districts LAWBC, LAIHG, LAWSC and LAFLO.

- *Inglewood community of interest*: The Commission heard significant testimony regarding the Inglewood community of interest that includes Inglewood, LAX, Westchester, Hawthorne, and Gardena. The Commission splits this community of interest into Commission Districts LAPVB and District LAIHG. Unity District LAIHG unifies this community except that it splits Gardena at Rosecrans Avenue to respect another community of interest to the south that wished to be kept with Torrance.

- *Lennox, Hawthorne, and Inglewood community of interest*: The Commission heard testimony asking that the Tongan American community of interest in Lennox, Hawthorne, and Inglewood be kept together in one district. The Commission District LAIHG respects this testimony. Unity District LAIHG also keeps this community of interest whole.

- *Southeast Los Angeles community of interest and Section 2 districts*: The Commission heard testimony from communities of interest residing in southeastern cities in Los Angeles County to keep the cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Maywood, Cudahy, Vernon, South Gate, Huntington Park, and Walnut Park together. As with the Commission's draft, Unity Districts LADNN and LASGL respect these communities by keeping them together in two districts. In addition to being drawn to respect the integrity of these communities of interest, these districts are potentially required by Section 2 of the VRA with Latino CVAP exceeding 50% in both districts.

Narrative for Assembly Districts in City of Los Angeles Metro Area of Los Angeles County

Unity Priorities

- *Northeast Los Angeles community of interest and Section 2 district*: The Commission received testimony requesting that the northeast portion of the City of Los Angeles be kept whole. This area includes Highland Park, Echo Park, Silver Lake and other northeast neighborhoods. Commission District LAELA respects this community of interest. Unity District LAELA also keeps these neighborhoods together. As with the Commission, Unity District LAELA was drawn as a potential Section 2 district with Latinos making up over 50% of CVAP.

- *Pico Union, West Lake/MacArthur Park, and other communities near downtown Los Angeles and Section 2 district*: The Commission heard testimony about the communities of interest in West Lake/MacArthur Park, Pico Union, and Koreatown which all share similar socioeconomic characteristics. Both the Commission draft and the unity plan contain a district with areas primarily comprised of areas adjacent to downtown Los Angeles. However, the Commission draft does not contain a potential Section 2 district in downtown Los Angeles, whereas Unity District LADNT both unites communities of interest and is also drawn as a potential Section 2 district with Latinos constituting over 50% CVAP.

- *Five Asian American neighborhoods*: The Commission heard testimony from five Asian American neighborhoods in the downtown area of Los Angeles. Because of their common interest in historic preservation issues, all neighborhoods want to be kept whole and paired with at least one other Asian American neighborhood.

    - *Thai Town neighborhood*: The Commission heard testimony from the Thai American community asking that it keep Thai Town whole and with the East Hollywood Improvement District. The Commission splits Thai Town in half by using Hollywood Boulevard as the boundary between Commission Districts LADNT and LAELA. Unity District LAELA respects this neighborhood by keeping it whole and with the East Hollywood Improvement District.

    - *Chinatown neighborhood*: The Commission heard testimony that Chinatown is a residential and business area that forms a neighborhood and community of interest. The Commission's draft splits Chinatown into three districts, Commission Districts LADNT, LAELA and LADNN. Unity District LAELA respects this neighborhood by keeping it whole.

    - *Historic Filipinotown*: The Commission heard testimony about this neighborhood and community interest. Commission District LADNT respects this neighborhood. Unity District LAELA respects this neighborhood by keeping it whole and moving into the northeast Los Angeles district which includes a large Filipino American community of interest in Eagle Rock.

- *Little Tokyo*: The Commission heard testimony about the 125-year-old neighborhood of Little Tokyo. Commission District LADNT respects this neighborhood by keeping it whole and with other Asian American neighborhoods with whom Little Tokyo residents work together on a variety of issues. Unity District LADNT also respects this neighborhood by keeping it whole and with Koreatown.

- *Koreatown*: Commission heard testimony that residents and businesses in Koreatown form a neighborhood and community of interest. Commission District LADNT respects this neighborhood by nearly keeping it whole. Unity District LADNT keeps all of Koreatown whole.

Other Priorities

- *North Los Angeles community of interest:* The Commission received testimony from a community of interest in north Los Angeles to keep Hollywood, Hollywood Hills, Los Feliz, Griffith Park, and other northern neighborhoods together. The Commission divided this community of interest by putting much of north Los Angeles into Commission District LAMWS and Los Feliz into Commission District LAELA. Unity District LAHWD keeps all of the north Los Angeles community of interest whole and in one district.

Narrative for Assembly Districts in San Fernando Valley Area of Los Angeles County

Unity Priority

- *San Fernando Valley community of interest and Section 2 district*: The San Fernando Valley community of interest testified that the San Fernando Valley should generally be split into two Assembly districts – one west of the 405 Freeway and one east of it. Commission District LASFE is generally drawn east of the 405 Freeway and extends from Sylmar in the north to Tujunga in the east and North Hollywood to the south. It includes the high income areas of Sunland and Tujunga. Both Commission District LASFE and Unity District LASFE are drawn as a potential Section 2 district. However, Unity District LASFE shifts west of the 405 Freeway to draw out high income areas in order to create a district with similar socioeconomic characteristics.

Narrative for Assembly Districts in Glendale/Burbank/Pasadena Area of Los Angeles County

Priorities

- *Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena*: The Commission received testimony that the cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena should be kept together as a community of interest. The Commission also heard testimony that Pasadena should be kept with small cities surrounding Pasadena. Commission District LAGBP keeps Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, and Altadena together. Unity District LAGPA keeps Glendale, Pasadena, Altadena, Sierra Madre, and South Pasadena together. While Burbank is not included in Unity District LAGPA, Unity District LAHWD contains Burbank and other cities focused on the movie industry such as Hollywood, Studio City, and Universal City.

Narrative for Assembly Districts in San Gabriel Valley Region of Los Angeles County

Unity Priorities

- *West San Gabriel Valley community of interest and Section 2 district:* The Commission received testimony about the West San Gabriel Valley community of interest consisting of Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Arcadia, San Marino and Temple City. The Commission also received testimony that Section 2 of the VRA potentially requires the drawing of a West San Gabriel Valley assembly district in which Asian Americans make up a majority of the district's CVAP. The Commission was provided with evidence of racially polarized voting in the West San Gabriel Valley indicating that candidates preferred by Asian American voters typically do not receive support from non-Asian American voters. Commission District LAWSG preserves the integrity of this community of interest and contains an Asian American CVAP of 49.95%. Unity District LAWSG largely resembles Commission District LAWSG, except that the district has been configured so that Asian Americans make up 50.01% of CVAP.

- *East San Gabriel Valley community of interest*: The Commission received significant testimony about the East San Gabriel Valley community of interest consisting of Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Walnut and Diamond Bar, and adjacent areas such as Chino Hills. This community of interest is kept largely intact in Commission District DBRYL except that Hacienda Heights is split from the rest of the community of interest because it is placed in Commission District LACVN. Unity District DBRYL includes Hacienda Heights to preserve the integrity of all of this community of interest.

- *North central San Gabriel Valley community of interest and Section 2 district*: Commission District LACVN preserves the integrity of the community of interest consisting of cities in the north central part of the San Gabriel Valley, including Azusa, Covina, West Covina, Irwindale and Baldwin Park. Unity District LACVN maintains the basic concept of Commission District LACVN, except that Unity District LACVN is shifted northward slightly to allow for Hacienda Heights to be united in Unity District DBRYL with the rest of the community of interest to which it belongs. Unity District LACVN continues to maintain the integrity of the north central San Gabriel Valley community of interest and similar to Commission District LACVN is also drawn as a district potentially required by Section 2 of the VRA, with Latinos making up 50.8% of CVAP.

- *South central San Gabriel Valley community of interest and Section 2 district*: Commission District LAPRW keeps intact the integrity of the community of interest consisting of cities in the south central part of the San Gabriel Valley, including most of Montebello, a portion of Pico Rivera, West Whittier-Los Nietos, Whittier and South Whittier. Unity District LAPRW maintains the basic concept of Commission District LAPRW with some modifications to take in most of El Monte so that it is together with the majority of South El Monte. In so doing, Unity District LAPRW continues to preserve the integrity of the south central San Gabriel Valley community of interest. Similar to Commission District LAPRW, Unity District LAPRW is drawn as a district potentially required by Section 2 of the VRA, with Latinos making up 64.1% of CVAP, and crosses the Orange County border to take in La Habra.

- *Pomona Valley-San Bernardino County community of interest and Section 2 district*: Commission District POMVL preserves the integrity of the cross-county community of interest consisting of Pomona, Montclair, Ontario and Chino. Latinos make up 50.6% of CVAP in District POMVL, accommodating the significant testimony received by the Commission about this community of interest. Unity District POMVL maintains the basic concept of Commission District POMVL. In so doing, Unity District POMVL continues to preserve the integrity of this cross-county community of interest. Similar to Commission District POMVL, Unity District POMVL is also drawn as a district potentially required by Section 2 of the VRA, with Latinos making up 50.5% of CVAP.

Other Priorities

- *San Gabriel Mountain foothill communities*: Unity District SBCUC preserves a Los Angeles County-San Bernardino County community of interest residing in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. Unity District SBCUC includes most of Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, Upland, San Antonio Heights and Rancho Cucamonga.

Narrative for Assembly Districts in Santa Clarita Valley and Antelope Valley Areas of Los Angeles County

Priorities

- *Santa Clarita Valley community of interest*: Community testimony for the community of interest in the Santa Clarita Valley varied. The overwhelming testimony was to keep the Santa Clarita Valley whole. Some members of the public testified that the Santa Clarita Valley includes part of Ventura County while others testified that the Santa Clarita Valley ends at the Los Angeles-Ventura County line. Commission District LASCV extends from the Kern County line south to Northridge and west to Bell Canyon in Ventura County. As with the Commission District, Unity District LASCV keeps the city of Santa Clarita whole. Instead of extending into Ventura County, Unity District LASCV shifts district boundaries east unifying the City of Hesperia which was split in the Commission draft.

- *Antelope Valley community of interest*: The Commission heard varying testimony regarding the community of interest in the Antelope Valley. The focal cities are Palmdale and Lancaster and community members asked that the Antelope Valley be kept in one or two districts. Some members of the public defined the Antelope Valley to include the San Bernardino Valley, including Victorville. Some community members testified that the Antelope Valley extends into Kern County although the prevailing testimony was to avoid crossing the Kern County line. Commission District LAAVV unifies most of the Antelope Valley. The unity plan draws the Antelope Valley into two districts, Unity Districts LAAVV and LASCV, with neither district crossing the Kern County line. While community sentiment varies, Unity District LAAVV follows the testimony to keep Palmdale out of a district with Santa Clarita. Instead, Unity District LAAVV keeps Palmdale whole, contains part of Lancaster and extends east towards Victorville. Unity District LASCV includes the remaining portion of Lancaster with the eastern part of north Los Angeles County, including Santa Clarita, uniting these two bedroom communities.

Narrative for Riverside and San Bernardino County Assembly Districts

Unity Priorities

- *Pomona Valley-San Bernardino County community of interest and Section 2 district*: The Commission received testimony about the integrity of the cross-county community of interest consisting of Pomona, Montclair, Ontario and Chino. Commission District POMVL preserves the integrity of this district. Unity District POMVL maintains the basic concept of Commission District POMVL. In so doing, Unity District POMVL continues to preserve the integrity of this cross-county community of interest. Similar to Commission District POMVL, Unity District POMVL is drawn as a district potentially required by Section 2 of the VRA, with Latinos making up 50.5% of CVAP.

- *Fontana-Rialto-San Bernardino community of interest and Section 2 district*: Unity District RLTFO maintains the integrity of a community of interest consisting of Fontana and Muscoy and portions of Rialto and San Bernardino. This community of interest includes a diverse population of Latinos and African Americans and the district is drawn to respect the integrity of the Ebony Triangle located north of Highway 210 and south of Highways 15 and 215. Unity District RLTFO is also drawn as a district potentially required by Section 2 of the VRA, with Latinos making up 50.2% of CVAP.

- *San Bernardino-Riverside County Section 2 district*: Unity District MTRMV is drawn as a district potentially required by Section 2 of the VRA, with Latinos making up 50.1% of CVAP. The district includes portions of Rialto and Colton, includes all of Rubidoux, extends to include portions of Moreno Valley, and includes the entirety of Mead Valley, Good Hope, Meadowbrook and Perris.

- *Coachella Valley/Imperial County community of interest and Section 2 district*: The Commission received significant public testimony about a community of interest in the Coachella Valley area of Riverside County and Imperial County. This community of interest shares interests around a variety of issues, including interests pertaining to the U.S.-Mexico border and agricultural interests. This community of interest is split between Commission Districts IMSAND and COACH. Unity District IMPRV preserves the integrity of this community of interest. Unity District IMPRV is also drawn as a potential Section 2 district, with Latinos constituting 50.3% of the district's CVAP.

Other Priorities

- *San Gabriel Mountain foothill communities*: Unity District SBCUC preserves a Los Angeles County-San Bernardino County community of interest residing in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. Unity District SBCUC includes most of Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, Upland, San Antonio Heights and Rancho Cucamonga.

Narrative for Ventura County Assembly Districts

Priorities

- *Thousand Oaks and adjacent cities*: The Commission received testimony indicating that cities located at the eastern edge of Ventura County had alignment with western Los Angeles County. Supported by this testimony, Unity District LAVEN creates a cross-county district that includes Thousand Oaks, part of Simi Valley, Oak Park, Westlake Village, Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Calabasas and Woodland Hills. The communities in Unity District LAVEN share common transportation corridors including the 118 Highway and the 101 Freeway.

- *Eastern Ventura County*: The Commission received testimony about eastern Ventura County, including Camarillo, Piru, Fillmore and Santa Paula. Unity District VENTR unites eastern Ventura County in a Ventura County-centered district that includes Oxnard, Port Hueneme and El Rio.

- *Western Ventura County/Eastern Santa Barbara County*: The Commission received testimony indicating that western Ventura County had alignment with Santa Barbara County. Supported by this testimony, Unity District SBWVE combines the western portion of Ventura County with eastern Santa Barbara County.

Narrative for Central Coast Assembly Districts (Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties)

Priorities

- *Eastern Santa Barbara County/Western Ventura County*: The Commission received testimony indicating that eastern Santa Barbara County had alignment with western Ventura County. Supported by this testimony, Unity District SBWVE combines eastern Santa Barbara County with western Ventura County. Unity District SBWVE includes Santa Barbara County coastal cities from Carpinteria to Goleta and also includes the cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe.

- *Western Santa Barbara County/San Luis Obispo County/Western Monterey County and Section 5 compliance*: The Commission received testimony indicating that for purposes of constituting an entire assembly district, San Luis Obispo had affinity with western Santa Barbara County. Supported by this testimony, Unity District WMONT combines wine industry-focused cities in western Santa Barbara County with San Luis Obispo County. Unity District WMONT also includes western Monterey County north to Seaside. Unity District WMONT is drawn to comply with Section 5 of the VRA and avoid retrogression of protected minorities, including Latino voters who constitute 12.4% of the district's CVAP compared to the benchmark of 12.4%.

- *Eastern Monterey County/San Benito County and Section 5 compliance*: Unity District MONT is a modified version of Commission District MONT. Unity District MONT retains the Commission draft's configuration in Monterey County, the inclusion of San Benito County, and the inclusion of Watsonville and adjacent Santa Cruz County cities. Unity District MONT adds the Santa Clara County city of Gilroy to accommodate testimony about a cross-county community of interest consisting of Gilroy, Salinas and Watsonville. Unity District MONT is drawn to comply with Section 5 of the VRA and avoid retrogression of protected minorities, including Latino voters who constitute 45.2% of the district's CVAP compared to the benchmark of 44.2%.

- *Santa Cruz County*: The majority of Santa Cruz County is kept whole in Unity District SMSC, except for the eastern edge of Santa Cruz County needed to be included with eastern Monterey County for Section 5 purposes. Unity District SMSC also includes coastal areas in San Mateo County and the Santa Clara County city of Los Gatos, which sits along Highway 17, the primary transit corridor from Santa Clara County to Santa Cruz County. Unity District SMSC also preserves the integrity of the San Mateo-Santa Clara County community of interest consisting of cities such as Menlo Park, Stanford and Palo Alto that have shared interests around university research and the provision of professional and business services to technology companies.

Narrative for Central Valley Assembly Districts

Unity Priorities

- *Kings County Section 5 compliance*: The existing Kings County district has a Latino CVAP of 47.0%. Unity District KINGS is drawn with a Latino CVAP of 45.4%. Although the benchmark target drops slightly, there is no retrogression under Section 5. Based on MALDEF's analysis, Latinos in Unity District KINGS would not suffer a diminished ability to elect preferred candidates. Additionally, the slight reduction allows for the creation of a new 50% Latino CVAP district from Tulare to Bakersfield, Unity District BKRTL. Because Unity District BKRTL would provide Latino voters with additional opportunities to elect candidates of choice, the net effect of the unity plan would be to enhance electoral opportunities for Latinos.

- *Merced County Section 5 compliance*: The Commission heard overwhelming testimony that the community in Stockton did not want the "Stockton finger" drawn into the Merced County Section 5 district. Both Commission District MRCED and Unity District MRCED do not include the "Stockton finger." A minor change was made along the 99 Freeway to balance population. Unity District MRCED has a Latino CVAP of 35.2%, which is above the benchmark of 35.0%.

- *Kern County Section 2 district:* Unity District BKRTL is drawn as a district in which Latinos constitute more than 50% of CVAP. This district takes in communities from the existing Kings County Section 5 district. With the significant population in the Central Valley, the unity plan draws Unity District BKRTL as a new potential Section 2 district.

- *Fresno County Section 2 district:* As with the Commission draft, the unity plan draws FSEC2 as a potential Section 2 district with Latinos making up more than 50% of CVAP. The portion of Fresno which makes up the district has low levels of per capita income, high unemployment rates, low rates of high school graduation and low rates of English proficiency.

- *Southeast Asian neighborhood in Fresno*: The Commission heard testimony from the Southeast Asian community regarding a neighborhood in the southeast portion of the City of Fresno that shares socioeconomic characteristics with the Fresno Latino community. Commission District FSEC2 splits the Southeast Asian neighborhood. Unity District FSEC2 unites more of the neighborhood by drawing out Sunnyside and drawing in the area immediately south of Sunnyside.

- *Southeast Asian farmland community of interest*: The Commission heard testimony regarding the Southeast Asian farmers in Fresno County, many of whom live in the Southeast Asian neighborhood in Fresno. As with Commission District FSEC2, Unity District FSEC2 keeps the area between the Southeast Asian neighborhood to Selma together thereby keeping much of the Southeast Asian farmland in the same district as the Southeast Asian farmers who work the land.

Other Priorities

- *Kern County farmworker community of interest*: The Commission heard community of interest testimony to keep many of the small agricultural towns of Arvin, Lamont, Weedpatch, East Bakersfield, Wasco, Oildale, and Rosedale together. The Commission draft places the towns into two districts, Commission Districts KINGS and BKRFD. The unity plan also places the towns into two districts, Unity Districts BKRFD and BKRTL.

- *Arvin community of interest*: The farmworker community of interest in Arvin testified about the need to keep Arvin whole. Both Commission District KINGS and Unity District BKRTL keep Arvin whole.

- *Ridgecrest community of interest*: The Commission heard community of interest testimony from Ridgecrest residents advocating that Ridgecrest be placed in a Kern County district, rather than a Los Angeles County district. Commission District BKRFD and Unity District BKRFD accommodate this testimony by keeping Ridgecrest whole in a Kern County district.

- *East/West Fresno County communities of interest*: The Commission heard some testimony to keep Fresno County whole and other testimony to split Fresno County into an east-west divide due to different agricultural issues. Commission Districts FSEC2 and FRSNO generally split Fresno along an east-west divide. The unity plan divides Fresno County into four districts. The two additional divides occur in order to draw an additional 50% Latino CVAP district in Tulare and Kern Counties. The population shift requires Unity District KINGS to bring in some Fresno County communities. The ripple effect requires FSEC2 to take population from Madera County. The remaining portion of Fresno County was divided to create one Highway 99 adjacent district (Unity District FRSNO) and to enhance Unity District FTHLL district by uniting Kings Canyon National Park with Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks.

- *Fresno City neighborhoods*: The Commission received testimony about the need to keep Fresno City neighborhoods whole. Commission District FSEC2 and FRSNO respect these neighborhoods as do Unity Districts FSEC2 and FRSNO.

- *Northern Stanislaus County community of interest*: The Commission heard testimony from a community of interest in Stanislaus County to include the northern portion of the County in a district with San Joaquin County. Commission District STNSJ and Unity District STNSJ respect the Stanislaus County community of interest by including the southern part of San Joaquin County with the northern part of Stanislaus County.

- *Stockton community of interest*: The Commission heard testimony from Stockton residents asking to keep Stockton whole. Commission District STKTN and Unity District STKTN respects this community of interest.

Narrative for Santa Clara County Assembly Districts

Unity Priorities

- *Milpitas/Berryessa/Newark/Fremont community of interest*: The Commission received testimony about the cross-county community of interest residing in Milpitas, Berryessa, Newark and Fremont. Commission District MLPTS keeps this community partially intact, except that the City of Fremont is split between MLPTS and HYWRD to the north. Unity District MLPTS unites all of Fremont together and retains Newark, Milpitas and Berryessa. Unity District MLPTS adds the small portion of Berryessa that is contained in Commission District MONT and left out of Commission District MLPTS. The unity map also eliminates an arm in Commission District MLPTS that extends into downtown San Jose, Evergreen and east San Jose and that splits AAPI and Latino communities residing in those areas. These communities are united and kept together in Unity District SJEVG to the south, together with the neighborhood of Little Saigon.

- *Little Saigon and Evergreen neighborhoods*: The Commission received significant testimony about the neighborhoods of Little Saigon and Evergreen. The Commission's draft map fragments Evergreen into Commission Districts MLPTS, SANJO and MONT and the majority of Evergreen is split from Little Saigon, with which it should be placed in the same district. Unity District SJEVG unifies Evergreen and keeps it together with Little Saigon in a City of San Jose-centered district that also includes downtown San Jose and east San Jose.

- *Latino community of interest in east San Jose*: The Commission received significant testimony about the Latino community of interest in east San Jose. This community is split in the Commission's draft map between Commission Districts MLPTS and MONT. Unity District SVEVG unites this community of interest. As the Commission heard during public hearings, the Latino community generally defines its borders as Marbury Road to the north, the 87 Freeway to the west, I-280/Story Road to the south, and the foothills (county line) to the east.

- *Silicon Valley community of interest*: The Commission received testimony asking that the Silicon Valley cities of Santa Clara, Cupertino, Sunnyvale and Mountain View be kept together as a community of interest which shares transportation corridors, educational interests and a common technology industry. The Commission's draft map splits this community of interest by placing Santa Clara and Cupertino in Commission District SILIV and Sunnyvale and Mountain View in Commission District SSNMT. Unity District SILIV unifies this community of interest.

- *Gilroy, Salinas and Watsonville community of interest and Section 5 compliance*: The Commission received testimony about the cross-county community of interest residing in Gilroy, Salinas and Watsonville and surrounding farmlands. The Commission's draft map splits this community of interest by putting Gilroy in Commission District WMONT and Salinas and Watsonville in Commission District MONT. Unity District MONT unites this community of interest and is also drawn to avoid retrogression of protected minority communities in Monterey County.

Other Priorities

- *Southern Santa Clara County*: The Commission received some testimony asking that the southern Santa Clara County counties of Morgan Hill, San Martin and Gilroy be kept together. Unity District SANJO unites Morgan Hill with San Martin, but Gilroy is placed in Unity District MONT to unite the Gilroy/Salinas/Watsonville community of interest that the Commission received significant testimony about, and also to ensure Section 5 compliance.

Narrative for Alameda and Contra Costa County Assembly Districts

Unity Priorities

- *Oakland/Alameda/Emeryville/Berkeley community of interest*: The Commission received testimony indicating that new district boundaries should keep intact the community of interest in Oakland, Alameda, Emeryville and Berkeley. Many residents of this community of interest, including AAPIs, African Americans and Latinos, are underserved and have a common reliance on services provided by government entities and community organizations. The Commission's draft map splits this community of interest placing Alameda and Oakland in Commission District OKLND and Emeryville and Berkeley in Commission District WCC. Unity District OKLND unifies this community of interest by retaining the same portion of Oakland contained in Commission District OKLND, retaining Alameda, adding Emeryville, and adding the portion of Berkeley most aligned with Oakland, Emeryville and Alameda from a socioeconomic community of interest perspective. The unity map removes San Leandro from the district and places it in Unity District HYWRD to unify San Leandro with adjacent areas with which it is closely aligned.

- *San Leandro/San Lorenzo/Ashland/Cherryland/Castro Valley community of interest*: The Commission received testimony indicating that new district lines should keep intact the community of interest residing in San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland and Castro Valley. Commission District OKLND contains San Leandro, splitting it from other areas it belongs with, which are contained in Commission District HYWRD. Unity District HYWRD unites this community of interest. Additionally, Unity District HYWRD retains the commission draft's inclusion of Hayward and Union City in the district, which is appropriate given the ties between Hayward and Union City described in testimony received by the Commission, and given the affinity the two cities have with the San Leandro community of interest. Lastly, the City of Fremont, which is split between Commission Districts HYWRD and MLPTS, is united by removing the portion of Fremont that was in Commission District HYWRD and placing it in Unity District MLPTS to the south.

- *Newark/Fremont/Milpitas/Berryessa community of interest*: The Commission received testimony about the cross-county community of interest residing in Newark, Fremont, Milpitas and Berryessa. Commission District MLPTS keeps this community partially intact, except that the City of Fremont is split between MLPTS and HYWRD to the north. Unity District MLPTS unites all of Fremont together and retains Newark, Milpitas and Berryessa.

Other Priorities

- *Lamorinda cities*: The Commission received testimony indicating that residents of Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda believe their community is best served by being placed in a district separate from populations across the hills in Oakland and adjacent cities. The unity map respects this priority by placing Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda together in Unity District EALAM and placing Oakland and adjacent cities in separate districts to the west.

Narrative for Assembly Districts in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties

Unity Priorities

- *Working class Asian American community of interest*: The Commission heard testimony from the working class Asian American community of interest residing on the east side of San Francisco. Commission District ESF keeps nearly all of this community of interest whole. Unity District ESF slightly modifies the Commission's lines by including all of Outer Mission and Crocker Amazon which have similar immigrant populations that share common interest with other immigrant populations in Unity District ESF. In order to balance population, Unity District ESF moves the Presidio, Marina, and Pacific Heights to Unity District WSFDC.

- *LGBT community of interest*: The Commission received substantial community of interest testimony to keep the core of the San Francisco lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community whole. Commission District ESF keeps nearly all of this community of interest together. Unity District ESF slightly modifies the Commission's lines by adding Twin Peaks and Haight-Ashbury. As noted above, the Presidio, Marina, and Pacific Heights have been moved out of Unity District ESF in order to balance population. The Commission heard conflicting testimony on whether to the draw out these neighborhoods out of District ESF; the unity plan draws them into the western district to balance population.

- *Filipino American community of interest*: The Commission heard a request from the Filipino American community of interest in San Mateo County to keep that community whole and in a district that includes the west side of San Francisco. Both Commission District WSFDC and Unity District WSFDC keep this community whole and with a western San Francisco district.

Narrative for Assembly Districts in Marin, Napa, Mendocino and Lake Counties

Priorities

- *Marin County community of interest*: The Commission heard significant testimony that Marin County should not be with San Francisco or the East Bay. The Marin County community of interest testified that Marin County should be with Sonoma County. Commission District MARIN and Unity District MARIN respect this community by keeping Marin County whole and with part of Sonoma County.

- *American Canyon community of interest*: The Commission heard significant testimony that American Canyon should be in a Napa County district. Commission District NAPA does not include American Canyon. Unity District NAPA respects this community of interest by keeping Napa County whole, including American Canyon.

- *Napa community of interest*: A Napa County community of interest testified that it could be with Sonoma County but not Solano County. Commission District NAPA contains most of Napa County but takes in part of Solano County, including Vallejo. Unity District NAPA respects the Napa community of interest by keeping NAPA whole but, like the Commission draft, takes in Vallejo.

Narrative for Assembly Districts in Northern California

Unity Priorities

- *Yuba County Section 5 compliance*: Unity District YUBA is drawn to comply with Section 5 of the VRA by avoiding retrogression of protected minority communities. Changes to Commission District YUBA have been made to balance population in the adjacent district to the west. Commission District YUBA has a Latino CVAP of 10.54% while Unity District YUBA's Latino CVAP is 11.14%. Both are above the benchmark of 8.1%.

- *AAPI communities of interest in the Sacramento area*: The Commission received testimony regarding three AAPI communities of interest in the Sacramento area. Commission District SACEG respects the community of interest in South Sacramento and Elk Grove. This district also respects the Pacific Islander population in West Sacramento by keeping it in a City of Sacramento district. Unity District SACEG also respects these two communities of interest. Commission District WSAC and Unity District WSAC respect the third AAPI community of interest by keeping it with other immigrant communities in northern Sacramento.

- *Oak Park neighborhood in Sacramento*: This neighborhood is split between Commission Districts WSAC and SACEG. This neighborhood is home to an African American and Southeast Asian community. In order to keep this neighborhood whole, the unity plan brings together the entire neighborhood of Oak Park into Unity District WSAC.

- *Agricultural community of interest in Yolo County*: Commission District WSAC draws in Davis and much of Yolo County. However, as the Yolo agricultural community of interest testified, UC Davis and the surrounding communities in Yolo County (except West Sacramento) are agricultural based and should not be in a district with the City of Sacramento. Unity District SOYO respects the agricultural community of interest.

Other Priorities

- *North coast community of interest:* The commission heard community of interest testimony to keep Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte Counties together. Some members of the public also suggested Lake County. Commission District DMNDO and Unity District DMNDO respect this community of interest by drawing all these counties into one district.

- *Sierra mountains/foothills community of interest:* The Commission heard community of interest testimony to create a Sierra mountain/foothills district. The Commission drew Commission Districts FTHLL and MISBK which respect this community of interest. The unity plan respects this community of interest by keeping it whole in Unity District FTHLL, which includes all the national forests and parks in the Sierra Nevada, including Yosemite, Kings Canyon, and Sequoia National Parks.