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To: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors

Subject: Comments, 2021 Redistricting, Draft Map review (11/17/21 Agenda item 4)

Supervisors,

I reviewed the draft maps for 2021 Sacramento County supervisor districts that were presented by your County Consultant at the 10/25/2021 Planning Commission Hearing. Though I have not had time to review all districts, I do provide the following comments regarding **District 1**:

- Drafts NDC 201 and NDC 202 do not adequately consider the huge amount of future growth that is expected in Natomas and other District 1 areas within the next 10 years.
 - North Natomas alone is expected to add over **10,000** new homes within the next 10 years. Approved projects include North Lake, Panhandle, Tanzanite, River Oaks, Railyards, and **2000+** units of added apartment projects actively building and/or submitting permits now.
- The Redistricting Rules & Goals for determining district boundaries include: 1) Substantially Equal Population, and 2) *Future population growth*. Therefore, per these rules, I request that District 1 boundaries be sized with strong consideration for its large future population growth. District 1's deviation from ideal should start below 0.00%.
 - In draft NDC 201, District 1 has nearly 5,000 more residents (4,758) and the largest deviation from ideal (+1.50%). It also has thousands more residents than other districts.
 - In draft NDC 202, District 1 is more equitably sized but is still starting out with the highest positive deviation from ideal of all districts (0.63%) and over 1500 more residents than the next largest district.
 - Draft NDC 203 is the only proposal that somewhat considers the large future growth of District 1 with a 0.00% deviation from the ideal.
- District 1 also includes two major county master plan projects proposing to build huge new communities in District 1 in the upcoming decade. **Grand Park** (aka Natomas North Precinct) proposes building **23,515** dwelling units north of Natomas (east of hwy 99). **West Park**, in the Nstomas "boot" area, estimates adding **25,574** residents. These two projects alone would add over **49,000** residents to District 1 in the upcoming decade.

I realize it is a very, very difficult task to determine district boundaries in an equitable manner. But fundamentally, by combining downtown Sacramento City with several large, new growth areas (North Natomas, South Natomas, Railyards, North & West county), District 1 will start this decade with less-equal representation for allocation of state and federal funding vs. other districts. The disparity will only grow much worse as District 1 becomes much larger in population as expected. Other districts are also growing, but not as much as District 1.

I therefore request your Board direct the consultants to size District 1 giving more consideration to the fact that it will grow much larger in population in the upcoming years.

Sincerely,

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